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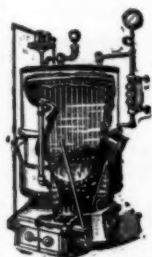
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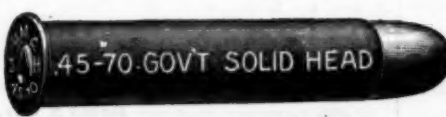
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THE ARMY.

GROVER CLEVELAND, President, and Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy.

DANIEL S. LAMONT, Secretary of War.

LEWIS A. GRANT, Assistant Secretary of War.

G. O. 1, H. Q. A., Jan. 3, 1893.

Publishes tables exhibiting the results of the rifle, carbine and revolver firing of the Army for the target year 1892, and the comparative proficiency attained by the different organizations, for the information of the Army, and announcing that Co. G, 7th Infantry, having the highest "General Figure of Merit" for the year, is awarded the Nevada Trophy, and the commanding officer of that company will hold it until the result of next year's firing is announced.

[The information contained in this order was published in the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL last January.—ED. JOURNAL.]

G. O. 18, H. Q. A., Washington, D. C., March 3, publishes an act making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defence, for the armament thereof, for the procurement of heavy ordnance for trial and service and for other purposes.

G. O. 20, H. Q. A., March 11, 1893.

Publishes the following act of Congress:

An act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and for other purposes.

G. O. 21, H. Q. A., March 13, 1893.

The following order from the War Department is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, March 3, 1893.

The military post authorized by act of Congress approved August 5, 1892, to be established "at a point near the northern frontier where" the Secretary of War "may in his judgment deem it for the public good," and which point has been selected near Essex Junction, Vermont, will be known and designated as Fort Ethan Allen in honor to the name of the eminent revolutionary patriot whose home was in that vicinity and who at one time owned the land where the said post is to be situated.

S. B. ELKINS, Secretary of War.

By command of Maj.-Gen. Schofield:

R. WILLIAMS, Adjt.-Gen.

CIRCULAR 8, H. Q. A., March 14, 1893.

By direction of the Secretary of War the following instructions are published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

1. The act of Congress making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1894, approved February 27, 1893, provides that (thereafter) no private shall be re-enlisted who has served ten years or more or who is over thirty-five years of age, except such as have already served as enlisted men for twenty years and upwards.

For the information of the Department the monthly recruiting returns rendered to this office should, in future, show the number of privates who desired to re-enlist and who were debarred under the law. This may be reported in a column specially ruled for the purpose. Officers charged with recruiting will render to their superintendents the data necessary to insure compliance with these instructions.

2. For the further information of the Department an addition to the report required in Circular No. 1, paragraph 8, series of 1891, from this office, will be made on regimental returns in the following words: "Number of enlisted men on furlough under the provisions of General Orders, No. 80, of 1890, A. G. O.—" If there are none on furlough it should be so stated.

By command of Maj.-Gen. Schofield:

R. WILLIAMS, Adjt.-Gen.

G. O. 2, DEPT. OF DAKOTA, March 11, 1893.

Announces the practice season at posts for the current year, and says: It is expected that earnest and energetic efforts will be made this year by company commanders to advance to a higher grade of marksmanship those men who last year failed to make the aggregates necessary to qualify them for the second class.

CORPS AND STAFF DEPARTMENTS.

Adjutant and Inspector Generals.

So much of Par. 6, S. O. 303, Dec. 28, 1892, H. Q. A., as directs Lieut.-Col. George H. Burton, Insp.-Gen., to join his proper station on the completion of the duty contemplated by said order, is amended to direct him to return to Crofton, Cal., the place of receipt by him of the order specified, and to there revert to a status of absent with leave (S. O., March 15, H. Q. A.)

Judge Advocate General's Department.

Maj. Stephen W. Groesbeck, J. A., will proceed to Little Rock, Ark., on public business (S. O. 30, March 13, D. Mo.)

Quartermasters and Subsistence Departments.

Leave for 10 days, to take effect about March 11, is granted Maj. Jeremiah H. Gilman, C. S. (S. O. 29, March 8, D. Mo.)

Comy. Sergt. George W. Perkins will be relieved from duty at St. Paul, Minn., and will proceed without delay to Ft. Pembina, N. D., to relieve Comy. Sergt. Louis Baumgartner, who will proceed to Watertown Arsenal, Mass., to relieve Comy. Sergt. Frank W. Bryant, who will be granted a furlough for six months, with permission to leave the United States (S. O., March 9, H. Q. A.)

Medical Department.

Leave for one month is granted Capt. N. S. Jarvis, Asst. Surg., Ft. Apache, A. T. (S. O. 34, March 7, D. Ariz.)

Maj. John S. Billings, Surg., will proceed to West Point, N. Y., and make a thorough investigation of the heating plant in the new hospital building at that post, and examine the whole building with a view to ascertain, if possible, the cause of failure of the plant to properly heat it (S. O., March 11, H. Q. A.)

Leave for one month, to take effect when his ser-

vices can be spared by the post commander, is granted Capt. Blair D. Taylor, Asst. Surg. (S. O. 30, March 13, D. Mo.)

The leave granted 1st Lieut. Charles Willcox, Asst. Surg., is extended one month (S. O., March 14, H. Q. A.)

The extension of leave granted Maj. John C. G. Happersett, Surg., is further extended three months on account of sickness (S. O., March 15, H. Q. A.)

The following transfer to the Hospital Corps and assignments to duty of enlisted men are made: Pvt. Rolla Power, Troop H, 5th Cav., now with his troop at Ft. Sill, O. T., is transferred to the Hospital Corps as a private, with station at Ft. Sheridan. Pvt. Benjamin G. Thompson, Hspl. Corps, now awaiting orders at Ft. Adams, R. I., is assigned to Ft. Riley, Kas. Pvt. Benjamin E. Young, Hspl. Corps, now awaiting orders at Ft. Adams, R. I., is assigned to Ft. D. A. Russell, Wyo. (S. O., March 10, H. Q. A.)

The following transfer and assignments to duty of enlisted men are made: Corp. Charles N. Meyer, Troop B, 5th Cav., now with his troop at Ft. Reno, O. T., is transferred to the Hospital Corps as a private. Pvt. Francis A. Burke, Hspl. Corps, now awaiting orders at Ft. Riley, Kas., is assigned to duty at that post for instruction at the hospital (S. O., March 11, H. Q. A.)

Pay Department.

Maj. James R. Roche, Paymr., will proceed to and pay the troops for the muster of Feb. 28, at Ft. Douglas and Du Chesne, Utah, and Camp Pilot Butte and Ft. Washakie, Wyo. (S. O. 21, March 6, D. Platte.)

Maj. George W. Baird, Paymr., will pay the troops temporarily absent in the field from Ft. Reno (S. O. 30, March 13, D. Mo.)

Maj. George B. Smith, Paymr., will pay the troops temporarily absent in the field from Ft. Supply, I. T. (S. O. 30, March 13, D. Mo.)

Engineer and Ordnance Departments

Leave for one month, to take effect March 15, is granted Capt. James C. Ayres, O. D., Omaha, Neb. (S. O. 22, March 10, D. Platte.)

THE LINE.

The Stations of Companies not mentioned here will be found by reference to last number of the JOURNAL.

1st Cavalry, Colonel Abraham K. Arnold.

Hdgrs. C. F. G. H. and K, Ft. Grant; D, Ft. Apache, B and I, Ft. Bayard, N. M.; L, Ft. Custer, Mont.; A, Ft. Myer, Va.; E, San Carlos, Ariz.—Indian troop.

1st Lieut. Godfrey H. Macdonald, aide-de-camp, will repair to Mt. Vernon Bks., Ala., on public business, on completion of which he will proceed to Ft. Barrancas, Fla., and carry out the special instructions of the department commander (S. O. 48, March 11, D. East.)

Capt. John Pitcher is assigned to special duty in connection with the World's Columbian Exposition with station in Chicago (S. O. 23, March 8, D. Mo.)

2nd Cavalry, Colonel George G. Hunt.

Hdgrs. A, C, D, G, H, and I, Ft. Wingate, N. M.; E and K, Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.; B and J, Ft. Bowie, Ariz.; F, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.—Indian troop.

Sergt.-Maj. Robert H. Fyfe, now with his command at Fort Wingate, N. M., having satisfactorily explained to the department that his true name is Andrew T. Fife, he will be borne under the latter name on all rolls, returns, etc., of his command after this date (S. O., March 15, H. Q. A.)

3rd Cavalry, Colonel Anson Mills.

Hdgrs. A and C, Ft. McIntosh, Tex.; D and E, Fort Sam Houston, Tex.; F, Ft. Hancock, Tex.; G, Ft. Riley, Kas.; G and I, Ft. Ringgold, Tex.; H, Ft. Brown, Tex.; H, Eagle Pass, Tex. L, Fort Meade, S. D.—Indian troop.

2d Lieut. F. M. Caldwell will report to the C. O. Fort Sam Houston, Tex., for light duty at that post (S. O. 31, March 30, D. Tex.)

4th Cavalry, Colonel Chas. E. Compton.

Hdgrs. A, D, H and L, Ft. Walla Walla, Wash.; C, Ft. Bidwell, Cal.; G, Ft. Sherman, Idaho; E, Vancouver Bks., Wash.; B, Boise Bks., Idaho; B, J, and K, Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.—Indian troop.

Leave for 15 days is granted Capt. Abram E. Wood (S. O. 17, Feb. 27, D. Cal.)

5th Cavalry, Colonel James F. Wade.

Hdgrs. B, C, E, G, H, and I, Ft. Reno, Okh. T.; D, and H, Ft. Sill, Okh. T.; A and F, Ft. Supply, Ind. T.; I, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.—Indian troop.

Capt. Albert E. Woodson, recruiting officer, Louisville, Ky., will visit the temporary branch rendezvous at London, Ky., March 15, 22, and 29, on duty in connection with the Recruiting Service (S. O. 52, March 8, R. & S. Ser.)

So much of par. 11, S. O. 44, Feb. 27, H. Q. A., as directs 1st Lieut. Jesse McFarther to rejoin his proper station (Fort Leavenworth, Kansas), is so amended as to direct that at the time specified he proceed to Fort Sill, Ok. T., for duty with Troop H, during the absence on detached service of Capt. Walter S. Schuyler (S. O., March 13, H. Q. A.)

6th Cavalry, Colonel David S. Gordon.

Hdgrs. A, E, F, G, H, and I, Ft. Niagara, Neb.; C and E, Ft. McKimney, Wyo.; D and I, Fort Yellowstone, Wyo.; B, Ft. Washakie, Wyo.—Indian troop.

The extension of leave granted Major Tullius C. Tupper is still further extended until May 10 (S. O., March 14, H. Q. A.)

7th Cavalry, Colonel James W. Forsyth.

Hdgrs. A, C, D, E, G, H, and I, Ft. Riley, Kas.; B and K, Ft. Sheridan, Ill.; F, Fort Myer, Va.; L, Ft. Sill, Okh. T.—Indian troop.—No detached service in Dept. of Texas.

1st Lieut. H. J. Slocum will report to the J. A. of the G. C. M. now in session at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, as witness in the case of Pvt. Harry Curry, Troop D (S. O. 23, March 7, D. Platte.)

2d Lieut. John O'Shea will report in person to the C. O. of the U. S. Infantry and Cavalry School, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas., for preliminary instruction preparatory to his detail as a student officer of the school (S. O., March 11, H. Q. A.)

8th Cavalry, Colonel Caleb H. Carlton.

Hdgrs. A, B, C, D, E, I, and K, Ft. Meade, S. D.; L, Ft. George, Mont.; F and G, Ft. Yates, N. D.; H, Ft. Myer, Va.—Indian troop.

2d Lieut. Joseph T. Crabb is relieved as a member

of the G. C. M. at Fort Yates, N. D. (S. O. 31, March 9, D. Dak.)

9th Cavalry, Colonel James Biddle.

Hdgrs. A, D, E, F, G and I, Ft. Robinson, Neb.; B and H, Fort Du Chesne, Utah; C, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; K, Fort Myer, Va.

1st Artillery, Colonel Loomis L. Langdon.

Hdgrs. A, G, I, and K, Ft. Hamilton, N. Y. H.; C, D, and L, Ft. Wadsworth, N. Y. H.; E, Ft. Sheridan, Ill. B, H, and M, Ft. Columbus, N. Y. H.; F, Ft. Monroe, Va.—Light battery.

With Col. Langdon's compliments reaches us this week the usual handsome roster of commissioned officers of his regiment corrected to March, 1893. We have heretofore referred to the excellence of this roster as to typography, make up, completeness of details, etc. It is unique in its way.

Corpl. James E. Robertson, Bat. F, will be discharged April 1, by the C. O., Ft. Monroe, Va. (S. O. 51, March 15, D. East.)

2nd Artillery, Colonel Richard Loder.

Hdgrs. C, G, and M, Ft. Adams, R. I.; K, Ft. Trumbull, Conn.; E, Ft. Preble, Me.; B and D, Ft. Warren, Mass.; A and F, Ft. Riley, Kas.; I, Ft. Monroe, Va.; H and L, Ft. Schuyler, N. Y.—Light battery.

4th Artillery, Colonel Henry W. Closson.

Hdgrs. A, C, E, G, I, K, and M, Ft. McPherson, Ga.; F, Ft. Riley, Kas.; H, Ft. Monroe, Va.; D, Ft. Barrancas, Fla.; B, Ft. Adams, R. I.—Light battery.

Sergt. Wm. A. Johnson, Bat. D, will be discharged March 27, by the C. O. Ft. Barrancas (S. O. 48, March 11, D. East.)

5th Artillery, Colonel William M. Graham.

Hdgrs. B, D, F, H, K, and L, Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.; M, Ft. Mason, Cal.; A and C, Ft. Canby, Wash.; E and I, Alcatraz Island, Cal.; G, Ft. Monroe, Va.—Light battery.

Leave for 20 days is granted Capt. Frank Thorp (S. O. 37, March 4, D. Cal.)

The leave granted 1st Lieut. Wm. W. Galbraith is extended two months (S. O., March 15, H. Q. A.)

1st Infantry, Colonel William R. Shafter.

Hdgrs. A, B, D, G, and H, Angel Island, Cal.; C, E, and F, Benicia Bks., Cal.

3rd Infantry, Colonel Edwin C. Mason.

Hdgrs. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I, Ft. Snelling, Minn.—Indian company.

Sergt. Peter Doma, Co. H, tried at Fort Snelling for assaulting a private with a knife, etc., has been acquitted.

2d Lieut. Wm. H. Morford will, as soon as practicable, report to the C. O. of the U. S. Infantry and Cavalry School, Fort Leavenworth, Kas., for preliminary instruction preparatory to his detail as a student officer of the school (S. O., March 11, H. Q. A.)

4th Infantry, Colonel William P. Carlton.

Hdgrs. A, D, F, and H, Ft. Sherman, Idaho; B, E, G, and I, Ft. Spokane, Wash.; C, Boise Barracks, Idaho.—Indian company.

5th Infantry, Colonel Nathan W. Osborne.

Hdgrs. D and E, St. Francis Bks., Fla.; B and H, Jackson Bks., La.; F, Ft. Monroe, Bks., Ala.; A, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; F, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.

Capt. Theodore F. Forbes will hold himself in readiness to proceed to Davids Island, N. Y. H., for duty (S. O. 53, March 9, Rec. Ser.)

7th Infantry, Colonel Henry C. Merriam.

Hdgrs. A, B, C, D, E, and F, Ft. Logan, Colo.; G, Camp Pilot Butte, Wyo.; H, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

8th Infantry, Colonel James J. Van Horn.

Hdgrs. A, E, and H, Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; G and D, Ft. Robinson, Neb.; F and I, Ft. Washakie, Wyo.; B and G, Ft. Nebraska, Neb.—Indian company.

Leave for one month is granted 2d Lieut. Joseph C. Beardsley, Fort Washakie, Wyo., with permission to apply for an extension of one month (S. O. 21, March 8, D. Platte.)

1st Lieut. John J. Haden, Fort Robinson, Neb., will proceed to Fort McKinney, Wyo. (S. O. 22, March 10, D. Platte.)

The leave granted Capt. Cyrus A. Earnest is extended one month and 15 days on account of sickness (S. O., March 15, H. Q. A.)

9th Infantry, Colonel Charles G. Bartlett.

Hdgrs. B, C, D, E, F, and G, Madison Bks., N. Y.; H, Plattburgh Bks.; A, Fort Ontario, N. Y.

The extension of leave granted 2d Lieut. Arthur W. Yates is further extended one month on surgeon's certificate (S. O., March 10, H. Q. A.)

2d Lieut. George B. Duncan is relieved from temporary duty at the Hdqrs. of the Army, and will join his proper station (S. O., March 11, H. Q. A.)

10th Infantry, Colonel Edward P. Pearson.

Hdgrs. A and B, Ft. Marcy, N. M.; A and F, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; C, San Diego, Bks., Cal.; E and G, Ft. Stanton, N. M.; H, Ft. Wingate, N. M.; I, Ft. Bowie, Ariz.—Indian company.

13th Infantry, Colonel Edwin F. Townsend.

Hdgrs. E, and G, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; A, F, and H, Ft. Yates, N. D.; B, C, and D, Ft. Sully, S. D.; I, Mt. Vernon Bks., Ala.

Leave for one month, on surgeon's certificate, with permission to leave the limits of the department, is granted 1st Lieut. Chas. H. Barth (S. O. 50, March 13, D. Mo.)

15th Infantry, Colonel Montgomery Bryant.

Hdgrs. C, D, and G, Ft. Sill, Okh. T.; A, Fort Reno, I. T.; B, and H, Ft. Supply, I. T.; F, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

14th Infantry, Colonel Thomas M. Anderson.

Hdgrs. A, B, C, E, and G, Vancouver Bks., Wash.; F, Ft. Townsend, Wash.; H, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

2d Lieut. Charles H. Martin is relieved from duty at Vancouver Bks., Wash., and will proceed to join his company at Fort Townsend, Wash. (S. O. 35, March 6, D. Cal.)

15th Infantry, Colonel Robert E. A. Crofton.

Hdgrs. A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H, Ft. Sheridan, Ill.

The leave for seven days granted 2d Lieut. Marcus Maxwell is extended seven days (S. O. 29, March 8, D. Mo.)

16th Infantry, Colonel Matthew M. Blunt.

Hdgrs. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I, Ft. Douglas, Utah.—Indian company.

Leave for one year is granted 1st Lieut. John Newton (S. O., March 10, H. Q. A.)

17th Infantry, Colonel John S. Poland.

Hdgrs. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, Ft. D. Russell, Wyo.

18th Infantry, Colonel Henry M. Lasalle.
Hdqr., A. B. C. D. and H. Ft. Clark, Tex.; E. Ft. Ringgold, Tex.; F. Ft. McIntosh, Tex.
Leave of absence for one year on surgeon's certificate, with permission to go beyond sea, is granted Col. Henry M. Lasalle (S. O., March 11, H. Q. A.)

19th Infantry, Colonel Simon Snyder.
Hdqr., A. E. G. and H. Ft. Wayne, Mich.; B. D. and F. Ft. Brady, Mich.; C. Ft. Mackinac, Mich.
Capt. Alexander H. M. Taylor, having been found by an Army retiring board incapacitated for active service, is granted leave until further orders on account of disability (S. O., March 13, H. Q. A.)
2d Lieut. John Howard will, as soon as practicable, report to the C. O. of the U. S. Infantry and Cavalry School, Fort Leavenworth, Kas., for preliminary instruction preparatory to his detail as a student officer of the school (S. O., March 15, H. Q. A.)

20th Infantry, Colonel Elwell S. Otis.
Hdqr., A. B. D. E. F. G. and H. Ft. Assiniboine, Mont.; C and I, Camp Poplar River, Mont.—Indian company.
Leave for two months, with permission to leave the Dept. of Dakota, is granted 2d Lieut. Marcus D. Cronin (S. O., March 10, H. Q. A.)

21st Infantry, Colonel Horace Jewett.
Hdqr., A. C. and E. Ft. Niagara, N. Y.; B and H. Ft. Porter, N. Y.; D, F. G. and I, Fort Sidney, Neb.—Indian company.
Leave for one month, with permission to apply for an extension of one month, is granted 1st Lieut. Edward H. Brooke, R. Q. M. (S. O. 47, March 10, D. East.)

22nd Infantry, Colonel Peter T. Swaine.
Hdqr., A. B. C. D. F. G. and H. Ft. Keogh, Mont.; I, Ft. Yates, N. D.; E, Fort Pembina, N. D.—Indian company.
24th Infantry, Colonel Zenas K. Bliss.
Hdqr., D. E. F. and G. Ft. Bayard, N. M.; A, B. C. and H, Ft. Huachuca, A. T.
2d Lieut. J. R. Seyburn is, upon his own request, relieved as a. a. q. m. and a. c. e., in the field with escort to the International Boundary Survey Commission, at Yuma, A. T., to date from March 31, and will transfer his accountability to 2d Lieut. W. P. Jackson. Lieut. Seyburn will proceed to join his company at Fort Bayard, N. M. (S. O. 33, March 6, D. Ariz.)

25th Infantry, Colonel Andrew S. Burt.
Hdqr., F. G. and H. Ft. Missoula, Mont.; A and D, Ft. Cassier, Mont.; B, C. and E, Ft. Buford, N. D.
Leave for one month, with permission to apply to the proper authority for an extension of two months, is granted Chaplain Theophilus G. Steward, Ft. Missoula, Mont. (S. O. 31, March 9, D. Dak.)

(For Late Army Orders see Page 502.)

Appointments, etc., recorded in the A.-G. O., March 11, 1893.

RETIREMENTS.

On their own application, after 30 years' service, section 1243, Revised Statutes.

Lieut.-Col. Edward W. Whittemore, 12th Inf., March 7, 1893.

Mej. Moses Harris, 8th Cav., March 7, 1893.

Mej. Emil Adam, 6th Cav., March 8, 1893.

By operation of law, section 1, act of June 30, 1892.

Mej. Andrew J. McGonigle, q. m., March 4, 1893.

TRANSFERS.

Artillery Arm.

2d Lieut. Chas. P. Summerall, from the 1st Inf. to the 5th Art., March 6, 1893, with rank from June 11, 1892, vice Stevens, promoted.

CASUALTY.

Col. Peter V. Hagner (retired), died March 11, 1893, at Washington, D. C.

Courts-martial.

The following courts have been ordered:
At Fort Keogh, Mont., March 2. Detail: Mej. Emerson B. Liecum, Capt. Wm. C. Lockwood, John McA. Webster, John G. Ballance, 1st Lieut. John J. Crittenden, 2d Lieut. Thomas M. Moody, Wm. A. Phillips, 2d Inf.; and 1st Lieut. Charles H. Grieson, 10th Cav.; J. A. (S. O. 29, March 3, D. Dak.)

At Fort Niagara, N. Y., March 22. Detail: Mej. James W. Powell, Jr., 2d Inf.; Capt. Reuben L. Robertson, assistant; Chas. A. Williams, 1st Lieut. Willson Y. S. Sander, 2d Lieut. James W. McAndrew, Wm. M. Morrow, John J. O'Connell, 2d Inf.; and 1st Lieut. Solomon E. Sparrow, 2d Inf.; J. A. (S. O. 49, March 13, D. East.)

At Fort Hamilton, N. Y. H. March 21. Detail: Capt. John W. Dillenback, Richard G. Shaw, 1st Lieut. Ciermont L. Best, Jr., John T. Honeycutt, Frederick Marsa, 3d Lieut. Oscar I. Straub, Wm. J. Snow, Frank W. Cox, James A. Saitton, 1st Art., and 1st Lieut. Chas. F. Parker, 1st Art.; J. A. (S. O. 50, March 14, D. East.)

Boards for Examination.

A board of officers is appointed to meet, at the call of the President thereof, at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., for the examination of such officers as may be ordered before it, to determine their fitness for promotion. Detail: Lieut.-Col. Jacob Kline, 9th Inf.; Mej. John Brooke, surg.; Camillo C. Carr, 8th Cav.; Capt. Samuel M. Swigert, 2d Cav.; 1st Lieut. Benjamin Brooke, assistant; and 1st Lieut. Edwin A. Root, 10th Inf., recorder. The following officers will report for examination by the board: 1st Lieut. Curtis U. Hoppin, 2d Cav.; Eben Swift, 5th Cav.; Fred W. Foster, 7th Cav.; and 2d Lieut. Wm. H. Hay, 3d Cav. (S. O., March 10, H. Q. A.)

Transfers.

The transfer of 2d Lieut. Charles P. Summerall from the 1st Infantry to the artillery arm, to take effect from March 6, 1893, and with rank in that arm from June 11, 1892, is announced. He is assigned to the 5th Artillery, Bat. E, Presidio of San Francisco, Cal., and will join his battery (S. O., March 10, H. Q. A.)

Army Boards.

A board to consist of Major John C. Gilmore, A. A. G.; Capt. Thomas Wilhelm and Wm. L. Pitcher, 8th Inf., will assemble at the War Department, Washington, D. C., March 18, for the purpose of examining, reporting upon, and making recommendations as to whether the "blanket roll support" designed by 1st Lieut. Charles Dodge, Jr., 24th Inf., is worthy of adoption as part of the soldier's field equipment (S. O., March 15, H. Q. A.)

Retirements of Enlisted Men.

The following enlisted men, now at the stations designated, are, upon their own application, placed upon the re-

tired list: Sergt. John A. Carr, Troop A, 2d Cav., Fort Winstate, N. M.; 2d Class Pvt. John J. A. Fitzgerald, Co. A, Battalion of Engineers, Willets Point, N. Y.; Comdr. Sergt. Joseph Kahn, Fort Monroe, Va.; 1st Class Pvt. Julius N. McFarland, Ord. Detachment, Springfield Armory, Mass.; Sergt. John Robinson, Troop H, 3d Cav., Camp at Bagby Pass, Tex.; Pvt. Joseph Starmer, Light Bat. F, 3d Art., Fort Sam Houston, Tex.; Sergt. Adolph Weller, Co. E, 22d Inf., Fort Pembina, N. D. (S. O., March 15, H. Q. A.)

We are indebted for a copy of a Roster of Troops in the Department of Texas, corrected to March 15. It comes out in a new guise and is a model. A good deal of information is compressed into the shortest possible space.

In accordance with the instructions of the Commanding General of the Army, with the approval of the Secretary of War, the reservation and post of Fort Taylor, Fla., and the ordnance sergeant stationed there are placed under the jurisdiction of the C. O. of Key West Bas.—(S. O. 47, March 10, D. East.)

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

Dept. of Texas.—Brig. Gen. Frank Wheaton.

A DESPATCH received at San Antonio March 15, from Ft. Ringgold states that six more members of the so-called Mexican revolutionary army of Catarino Garza had come into that garrison voluntarily and surrendered.

A despatch from Carriso, on the Lower Rio Grande border, states that there have surrendered to Sheriff R. Haynes, forty more revolutionists. In addition, six revolutionists have surrendered to U. S. troops at the camp of Capt. George F. Chase, 3d U. S. Cavalry. The work is now beginning to bear fruit, and in all of the Sheriff and their assistants' work they have been ably backed by the U. S. Army officers and troops now in the field.

THE INAUGURATION PARADE.

GENERAL McMAHON, the grand marshal of the inauguration day parade, has written the following letter to Col. H. C. Corbin, A. A. G., in which he places the credit for the successful management of the important event where it properly belongs:

STATE OF NEW YORK, SENATE CHAMBER,
ALBANY, March 9, 1893.

MY DEAR COLONEL: I arrived home this morning, and I take the earliest possible occasion to write and acknowledge your admirable service in the preparation, arrangement, and management of the inaugural parade. I assure you I appreciate it most thoroughly, as do all of those who served on my staff, and from whom I have heard nothing but words of praise as to the part taken by you during the weeks of preparation. I beg of you to accept my hearty thanks for the energy, activity, courtesy, and good management which was displayed by you throughout all the time of preparation and until the end.

I desire also through you to extend my thanks to Capt. W. L. Pitcher, 8th Inf., U. S. A.; Lieut. J. T. French, 4th Art., U. S. A.; Lieut. J. A. Johnston, 8th Cav., U. S. A.; and Capt. W. E. Horton, National Guard of the District of Columbia, whom you had selected to assist you. Their earnest attention to duty, and willing and zealous co-operation throughout all the time of preparation and during the terrible weather of the 4th of March, entitles them to my sincerest acknowledgments, which I beg of you to convey to them.

Please, also, thank Gen. Schofield for his kindness in giving me such admirable assistance. Convey, also, my thanks and congratulations to Col. William Dickinson, chief of the Civic Grand Division, and tell him that I esteem myself fortunate in having had such an able and earnest assistant. I consider that to you and him and the officers I have named above all the credit and success of the great parade belongs. With best and kindest wishes, I am, very sincerely, your friend,

M. T. McMAHON.

DECISION BY THE SUPREME COURT.

The opinion of the Supreme Court in the case of Bird L. Fletcher, late captain, U. S. A., retired, definitely settles two important questions. In the first place it is held that while the action required of the President in regard to the proceedings and sentence of Court-martial is judicial, that action need not be evidenced under his own hand. It is to be taken for granted that when the endorsement on a Court-martial case is made by the Secretary of War in conformity with the 65th of the Rules and Articles of War, that the act of the Secretary is the act of the President, it is not essential that the papers should show that the action is taken "by direction" of the President. The court makes a distinction between this case and the well known Rankle case, as follows:

"It appeared therein that the proceedings, findings and sentence of the Court-martial were transmitted to the Secretary of War, who, on Jan. 16, 1873, wrote upon the record an order approving the proceedings, with certain exceptions, and the findings and sentence, together with the further statement that in view of the unanimous recommendation by the members of the court that the accused should receive executive clemency and other facts, the President was pleased to remit all of the sentence except so much as directed cashiering; and that, thereupon, the Secretary issued a general order announcing the sentence, as thus modified. It further appeared that thereafter, and on the same day, Major Rankle presented to President Grant a petition insisting that the proceedings had not been approved by him as required by law; that the conviction was unjust; that the record was insufficient to warrant the issuing of the order, and asking its revocation and annulment; whereupon, in pursuance of the petition, the record of the official action theretofore had was, by direction of the President, referred to the Judge Advocate-General for review and report; that this report was subsequently made, and with the petition was found by President Hayes awaiting further and final action thereon, and being taken up by him as unfinished business, the conviction and sentence were disapproved, and the order of Jan. 16, 1873, revoked.

"This court was of opinion that the order was capable of division into two separate parts, one relating to the approval of the proceedings and sentence, and the other to the executive clemency which was invoked and exercised, and that under the circumstances, which are recapitulated, it could not be said that it positively and distinctly appeared that the proceedings had ever in fact been approved or confirmed by the President as required by the articles of war.

"The facts that there was no reference to Article 65 in the Secretary's endorsement; that the objec-

tion that President Grant had not personally examined and approved of the proceedings, was taken and urged upon President Grant himself immediately upon the promulgation of the sentence; and that he entertained the objection, thereby recognizing the contention, seemed to make it a matter of argument whether he had personally acted in the premises.

"If it had been affirmatively stated that the proceedings were submitted, perhaps the action of President Grant in the matter of the application might have been ascribed to some other ground than doubt as to his examination of the proceedings; but as the record stood, this court apparently thought that the presumptions conflicted, and, therefore, felt constrained to the conclusion announced.

"We regard the certificate of the Secretary in this case, in 1872, as a sufficient authentication of the judgment of the President, and perceive no ground upon which the order of that date can be treated as null and void for want of the required approval.

"It is insisted, however, on behalf of the claimant that the Court-martial had no jurisdiction to try and convict Capt. Fletcher, because the charge and specifications stated no offense whatever within any Rules and Articles of War or known to the military law and custom of the United States. We do not feel called upon to set forth the specifications on which the Court-martial acted. They related to the incurring by the accused of certain indebtedness and the non-payment thereof, and while it is argued that the non-payment of debts does not justify conviction of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, we think that the specifications went farther than that, and contained the element that the circumstances under which the debts were contracted and not paid were such as to render the claimant amenable to the charge. The evidence is not before us in any form, nor are there findings of fact in respect to the conduct and behavior forming the subject of inquiry. The specifications were not objected to for insufficiency, and cannot properly be held to be, on their face, incapable of sustaining the charge. As the Court-martial had jurisdiction, error, in its exercise, if any, cannot be reviewed in this proceeding. *Dynes v. Hoover*, 20 How. 65; *Keyes v. United States*, 109 U. S. 336; *Smith v. Whitney*, 116 U. S. 167.

"The judgment is reversed and the cause remanded with a direction to dismiss the petition."

DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS.

The General Deficiency bill contains a number of items of interest to the Services. Under the War Department are the following items: Pay of the Army—For mileage to officers, \$25,000 for 1893 to be paid out of the appropriation for 1893; Medical Department—\$1,300 for medical and hospital supplies; for arrears of pay of two and three year volunteers, \$215,000; for bounty to volunteers and their widows and legal heirs, \$125,000; for bounty under the act of July 28, 1866, \$15,000.

"The Secretary of War is hereby authorized to appoint for the remainder of the fiscal year 1893 to the Office of the Inspector General the following clerks, namely, one clerk of class three, one clerk of class two, one clerk of class one, and one messenger; and the salaries of said clerks and messenger shall be paid from the unexpended balance of the appropriations for the salaries of the War Department for the year 1893; and the Secretary of War shall hereafter exercise the same supervision of all receipts and disbursements on account of the Volunteer Soldier's Home as he is required by law to apply to the accounts of disbursing officers of the Army; Provided, That on and after March 15, 1893, the existing clerical force of the Record and Pension Office be, and the same is hereby, reduced as follows: One clerk of class one, and four clerks at \$1,000 each."

For the purchase of fuel, under the appropriation "Fuel and Apparatus," \$2,000, for care, etc., of the draw of the Rock Island bridge, \$2,500; To pay for use of the Bellevue Rifle Range, Omaha, Neb., for 1892 and 1893, \$500.

Under the Navy, \$11,000 is appropriated for clothing bounty to apprentices; for paying miscellaneous contingent expenses, etc., about \$60,000; to reimburse Major Green Clay Goodloe, paymaster, U. S. M. C., for money stolen by his clerk, \$3,333.31.

For deficiencies in pensions, \$13,844,000. Among the claims certified by the accounting officers for which provision is made, is \$18,207 for mileage claims under the Graham decision.

THE SENATE COMMITTEES.

THE reorganization of the Senate Committees made necessary by the ascendancy of the Democracy was completed this week. The personnel of the Committees, as organized, in which the Services are interested, are as follows:

Appropriation—Cockrell, chairman; Call, Gorman, Blackburn, Bice, Democrats; Allison, Hale, Cullom and Teller, Republicans.

Military Affairs—Walshall, chairman; Cockrell, Bate, Palmer, Mitchell, of Wisconsin, Democrats; Hawley, Cameron, Manderson and Davis, Republicans.

Naval Affairs—McPherson, chairman; Butler, Blackburn, Gibson, Camden, Democrats; Cameron, Hale, Stanford and Stockbridge, Republicans.

Coast Defences—Gordon, chairman; Irby, Mills, Walter, of California, Smith, Democrats; Squire, Dolph, Hawley and Higalar, Republicans.

Commerce—Ransom, chairman; Coke, Vest, Gorman, White, of Louisiana, Waite of California, Murphy, Democrats; Frye, Jones (Nev.), Dolph, Cullom, Washburn and Quay, Republicans.

Pensions—Palmer, chairman; Brice, Vilas, Camden, Caffrey, Democrats; Snorr, Hansborough, Gallinger and Hawley, Republicans.

(From the Kansas City Times.)

TO ITS MEMORY.

SENATOR PROCTOR has given directions to the foreman of his marble yard in Vermont to have prepared a fine piece of marble to be erected in memory of the late United States Army. It will bear the inscription: "To the Memory of the Army of the United States. Died of Proctorism."

PERSONAL ITEMS.

LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER RICHARDSON CLOVER, U. S. N., visited New York City this week, registering at the Holland House.

It is understood that **Lieut. J. A. Dapray,** 23d Inf., will be assigned to special duty in connection with the World's Fair.

The recent death of **Med. Insp. Henry C. Nelson,** U. S. N., was somewhat of a surprise to his friends, for although he had been sick for some time a fatal termination was not looked for.

The younger daughter of **Comdr. Sigbee,** of the Navy, is making considerable reputation as a writer and illustrator in one of the prominent dailies of the Capital by a series of interesting papers on dress for children.

Lieutenant W. H. Beehler, U. S. N., of the Office of Hydrography, Navy Department, gave an interesting talk on Samoa and the Samoans before the Workingmen's Club, of St. John's Parish, Thursday of last week, which was listened to with the closest attention.

P. A. Engineer C. W. RAE, U. S. N., at present attached to the Atlanta, will be detached and ordered to examination for promotion as soon as the ship arrives at a Northern port. **P. A. Engr. W. B. Bayley,** U. S. N., has been selected as his relief.

EX SECRETARY OF THE NAVY BENJAMIN F. TRACY was the guest of the Hamilton Club on Thursday evening at a banquet in honor of his return to Brooklyn. The club gave him a dinner just four years ago, when he became one of President Harrison's Cabinet.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Navy Mutual Aid Association last week three applications were noted on favorably, bringing the total number now on the books of the association up to 818, the highest number yet reached. But one death has occurred in the association so far in the current year.

Lieutenant E. F. Qualtrough, U. S. N., late of the *Charleston*, after a brief visit of less than a week in Washington, left for New York where it is not unlikely he will be assigned to duty. Mrs. Qualtrough has not yet returned from the Pacific, but will rejoin her husband as soon as the spring opens in the East.

ORDERS for the physical examination of **P. A. Engineer Richard Inch,** U. S. N., of the *Lancaster*, have been sent to the China Station, so that he will be prepared for his examination for promotion to chief engineer on his return from his present station. The vacancy for which Mr. Inch will be examined occurred last August.

Mrs. Marguerite Dickens, the wife of **Comdr. Dickens,** of the Navy, is one of the women who keep their eyes open while going about the world with their husbands. A series of pleasant and obituary letters descriptive of her experiences in Japan a few months since, is now appearing in one of the Washington daily papers, and are read with much pleasure by those who have been in that far away part of the world.

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY HILARY A. HERBERT paid his first official visit to the Brooklyn Navy-yard March 15, being received with customary honors by **Commo. Erben.** **Commo. Erben** took the Secretary on a tour of inspection through the yard and introduced him to officers of the station. In the evening Secretary Herbert attended a dinner at the Hamilton Club given in honor of **ex-Secretary Tracy,** his predecessor in the Navy Department.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY SOLEY has tendered his resignation and is desirous that it should take effect at once. He has made arrangements to join **ex-Secretary Tracy** in the practice of law in New York City. He has rented his house to **ex-Secretary Bristow's** family. Mr. Soley is engaged on the life of **Admiral Porter,** which will be published by the Appletons. **Capt. James F. Parker,** formerly of the Navy, but now a lawyer, who lives at Perth Amboy, N. J., saw Secretary Herbert March 8 and filed a formal application for the place.

MANY officers serving on the new cruisers complain of the evil effects of the electric light on their eyes, a particular instance being that of **Chief Engineer A. S. Greene,** U. S. N., of the *Charleston.* Beginning with his severe experiences at Samoa, in 1889, during the wreck of the *Fandalla,* Chief Engr. Greene has suffered more or less with his eyes, and the last cruise of the *Charleston* has made his condition much worse. His recent visit to Washington had partial reference to the state of his health, impaired in the line of duty.

In the appreciative audience which listened to the recent lecture on Hawaii and Hawaiian affairs by the Hon. C. L. Carter, of the Hawaiian Commission, were many Navy officers who are, naturally, interested in the outcome of the pending negotiations for annexation. Several of the lantern slides shown on the screen were from the camera of **Chief Engr. Webster,** of the Navy. An interesting reference was made by Mr. Carter to the bell buoy which disappeared from the northern coast of Oregon several years since, and after months of wandering in the Pacific at last brought up on the coast of one of the Hawaiian Islands, fitting emblem, Mr. Carter thought, of the coming union of the two countries. This buoy is now doing service for the Hawaiian Government at the entrance of Honolulu Harbor.

The *Wall Street Herald* says: "The complete ex-oneration of Superintendent Lowry in the matter of the charges brought against him by certain employees of the House of Refuge on Randall's Island, was fully anticipated and consequently caused no surprise. The public placed no credence in the charges from the first. Ever since he assumed his position of superintendent, Mr. Lowry has discharged his duties in an eminently satisfactory manner and has shown himself to be a thoroughly able and efficient official. He is an honest and conscientious gentleman and the right man in the right place. We heartily congratulate him upon his vindication, which serves to justify and emphasize the high estimation in which he is held by the public. The Board of Managers could not have reached any other conclusion."

A KANSAS CITY Times correspondent writes: Another commissioner is **Lieut. Welles,** of the U. S. Navy, and deputized by the Government to meet the French soldiers that recently arrived in Chicago. He is an American, of course, but so thoroughly cosmopolitan by travel and association as to be at home anywhere, talks French and several other languages like a native, is a gentleman of the best school, a good deal of a ladies' man, and a thoroughly good fellow always.

COLONEL J. H. GILMAN, U. S. A., left Chicago this week on a short leave.

Lieutenant H. L. Harris, 1st U. S. Art., came on to New York this week from Chicago on a short visit.

Captain J. L. Powell, Medical Department, U. S. Army, has left New York City for duty at New Orleans, La.

Captain A. H. Merrill, 1st U. S. Art., left Ft. Columbus, N. Y. H., on Wednesday, to be absent for a week.

Captain W. C. Manning, 23d U. S. Inf., lately on leave in Detroit, Mich., will rejoin at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., in a few days.

General O. D. Greene, U. S. A., Adjutant-General of the Department of California, is going abroad for two months.

Major S. W. Groesbeck, Judge Advocate, U. S. Army, of Maj. Gen. Miles's staff, was a visitor in Little Rock, Ark., this week.

Lieutenant Harry R. Anderson, 4th U. S. Art. of Field's Light Battery at Ft. Adams, left this post this week on a short post leave.

Major J. R. Roche, Paymaster, U. S. A., who recently arrived in Omaha from St. Louis, has gone to Utah and Wyoming on a pay trip.

Lieutenant Earl Carnahan, 12th U. S. Inf., is a recent arrival at Ft. Leavenworth, Kas., for a tour at the Infantry and Cavalry School.

General Wesley Merritt, U. S. A., on a short visit East from St. Paul, registered early in the week at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City.

Lieutenant Charles Byrne, Adjutant 6th U. S. Inf., has returned to Ft. Thomas, Ky., from leave and resumed his usual duties at that post.

UNDER recent orders **Lieut. C. P. Summerall** changes base from Benicia Barracks to the Presidio of San Francisco for duty with Hill's battery.

Major Tullius C. Tupper, 6th U. S. Cav., who is undergoing a course of treatment at Hot Springs, Ark., has had his leave extended until May 10 next.

Lieutenant G. F. E. Harrison, 2d U. S. Art., of Ft. Adams, R. I., was a visitor at Fall River and Taunton, Mass., this week on regimental recruiting service.

Major Thos. E. Sloan, a war veteran, has been chosen major and commandant of the famous Old Guard of New York, in succession to the late Maj. Geo. W. McLean.

Captain Geo. S. Anderson, 6th U. S. Cav., of the Magazine Gun Board, was in New York City this week, making his headquarters at the University Club, Madison Square.

Colonel Guy V. Henry, U. S. A., is spending a portion of his sick leave at Thomasville, Ga., and we are glad to learn from recent advices is improving rapidly and growing stronger every day.

Lieutenant Frederick G. Hodgson, 6th U. S. Cav., and wife are at Ft. Leavenworth, Kas., visiting Lieutenant and Mrs. Thomas Cruise. **Lieut. Hodgson** has been on duty as aide-de-camp to Gen. Carr.

Chaplain G. W. Simpson, U. S. A., who recently suffered a sad bereavement in the death of his daughter, the wife of **Lieut.-Col. R. F. Barnard,** 9th Cav., has left Ft. Yates, N. D., to spend two months on leave.

Colonel J. W. Scully, U. S. A., has arrived in Boston, Mass., and taken charge of the Q. M. depot in that city in succession to **Major E. H. Atwood,** who goes to Los Angeles for duty as Chief Quartermaster Department of Arizona.

The marriage of **Lieut. C. B. Wheeler,** Ordnance Department, U. S. A., to **Miss Zella Lenthillon,** daughter of Mr. Joseph Lenthillon, of New York, is announced to take place on April 3. **Lieut. Wheeler** will spend April and May on leave.

The 5th U. S. Infantry will part with regret with the veteran **Major Ezra P. Ewers,** who has been a captain in the regiment for almost 24 years. **Major Ewers** is at present on recruiting duty at Davis Island but will likely now join his new regiment, the 9th Infantry, at Sackett's Harbor.

AFTER living for many years in the New York Hotel, Gen. Martin T. McMahon, Miss Mary McMahon and Miss Ella McMahon were obliged to move when the old hostelry was closed up, and have made their home in the Hanover, at 5th avenue and 15th street, New York City, where their friends will find them.

The *Highland Democrat*, of Peekskill, N. Y., says: "Very few townspeople found their way to the Peekskill Military Academy last Saturday night to attend the regular Saturday night lecture. But those who did were entertained by Col. Powell's excellent talk on 'The relative proportions of the three branches of the Army Service.' Those who attended were enlightened on a subject about which too much cannot be known."

ONE of the most enjoyable parties of the season, says the *San Antonio Express*, was given Wednesday by Col. and Mrs. J. P. Martin. The post people were out in full force, and nothing was omitted by the host and hostess that would add to the pleasure of the guests. The amusement of the evening was progressive euchre. The first ladies' prize was taken by Miss Curtis, the second by Mrs. Scott. **Captain Carbaugh** was fortunate enough to take the first gentleman's prize and **Lieut. Schley** the second.

Mrs. Arthur, wife of **Maj. Wm. Arthur, Paym.** U. S. A., is visiting friends in San Antonio, Tex.

Captain John Pitcher, 1st U. S. Cavalry, is a recent arrival in Chicago, where he has a legion of friends.

Colonel J. J. Upham, U. S. Army, spending the winter in the South, is at the Valencia Hotel, St. Augustine.

General E. A. Carr, U. S. A., will celebrate his sixty-third birthday on Monday of next week, March 20.

Major James P. Kimball, Surgeon, U. S. A., has arrived in the North from Texas, and is at Lakewood, N. J.

General Chauncey McKeever, U. S. A., is now the senior officer in point of service on the active list of the Army.

Lieutenant Thos. C. Patterson, 1st U. S. Artillery, on sick leave for some months past, is at present located at Nice, France.

Lieutenant-Colonel Hamilton S. Hawkins, 2d U. S. Inf., has rejoined at San Antonio from a hurried visit to Washington, D. C.

Captain A. E. Woodson, 5th U. S. Cavalry, whose recruiting headquarters are in Louisville, made a visit to London, Ky., this week.

Quartermaster E. H. Brooke, 21st U. S. Infantry, of Fort Niagara, has been called to Portland Ore., by the serious illness of his father.

Major G. B. Rodney, 4th U. S. Artillery, lately visiting at New Castle, Del., has joined at Fort McPherson, Ga., for duty with his regiment.

Lieutenant-Colonel E. C. Woodruff, U. S. A., retired, was a passenger on the steamer *Werra* starting from New York for Genoa March 18.

Lieutenant W. G. Elliot, 9th U. S. Infantry, rejoined at Madison Barracks, N. Y., this week from a fortnight's visit to friends in Washington, D. C.

Lieutenant Walter H. Chatfield, 5th U. S. Infantry, has rejoined at St. Francis Barracks, St. Augustine, from an extended leave spent at Brownsville, Tex.

General W. S. Rosecrans, U. S. A., is still in California, much improved in health. It is stated he does not intend to resign his position as Register of the Treasury.

Captain E. F. Gardner, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Army, obliged to relinquish duty at Fort Mackinac, Mich., on account of illness, has arrived at his home in Eastport, Me.

Colonels G. M. Brayton and **Gaines Lawson,** U. S. A., are recent transfers from the Minnesota Commandery to the District of Columbia Commandery of the Loyal Legion.

Captain Alexander Rodgers, 4th U. S. Cavalry, of the Military Intelligence Bureau, has gone to Berlin, Germany, on special duty in connection with the World's Columbian Exposition.

General John R. Brooke, U. S. A., in New York City last week, and who has been making a few visits to old friends, was expected to return to his headquarters in Omaha this week.

Lieutenant J. W. Watson, 10th U. S. Cavalry, who relinquishes recruiting duty at Memphis, Tenn., this week, will spend a couple of months on leave before joining his troop in Montana.

Major Charles W. Williams, Quartermaster, U. S. A., who attained his majority by the retirement of **Major A. J. McGonigle,** was graduated from the Military Academy in 1875. Had he remained in the line he would now be the senior 1st lieutenant of his regiment, the 18th Infantry.

Captain Peter Leary, Jr., 4th U. S. Artillery, will shortly complete a very pleasant tour at the State Agricultural College of South Dakota and join his battery at Fort Barrancon, Fla. He will be succeeded at the college by **Lieut. A. S. Frost,** 25th U. S. Inf., a very capable officer.

A DESPATCH from St. Louis reports that an official report of the battle of Prairie Grove, Ark., fought Dec. 7, 1862, between the Union and Confederate forces, has just been found. It was written by the Southern commander, **Brig.-Gen. M. M. Parson.** The venerable manuscript covers both sides of six folio sheets of writing paper, which have become yellow with age.

The Comte de Paris and the Duc de Chartres can never forget the obligations they were under to the late Gen. George B. McClellan as young officers of his staff through the famous Potomac campaign. They eagerly accepted the opportunity offered by the marriage of the daughter of their old General to Paris to send her most substantial and appropriate remembrances of their admiration for her father.

A TEXAS correspondent says: "Gov. and Mrs. J. S. Hogg handsomely entertained a select party of ten at the Executive Mansion, Austin, Tex., on the night of March 1. **1st Lieut. B. B. Buck,** 16th Inf., now at his home in Hillsboro, Tex., on leave, was a guest of the occasion. Elegant refreshments were served and many pleasant hours spent in social converse, games, etc. The lieutenant is a great favorite in this State and his occasional home-comings are always greatly appreciated by his friends. He is enjoying splendid health and expects to rejoin at Fort Douglas about May 15."

A NEWSPAPER despatch from Cheyenne, Wyo., March 12, says: "There was a clash here to-day between the civil and military authorities. A private from Fort Russell, near town, was thrown into the county jail on the charge of grand larceny. The stolen property was in his possession. He was arrested by the United States Marshal, **Col. Poland,** despatched a squad after the offender. The offender declined to surrender the prisoner. The detail appeared a second and a third time, with a written request from the commandant for the offender. The sheriff held a consultation with the United States Commissioner and Marshal, and decided out of courtesy to acquiesce with the commandant's demand. This was with the understanding that the man should have a trial for larceny."

MAJOR P. W. STANNHOPE, U. S. A., has left Biloxi, Miss., for Waldron, Ill.

COLONEL J. OAKES, U. S. A., retired, has left Washington for Fort Monroe, Va.

COLONEL W. R. GIBSON, U. S. A., retired, is on a visit to relatives in Philadelphia.

CAPTAIN F. C. NICHOLS, U. S. A., retired, has gone to Asheville, N. C., from Luray, Va.

CAPTAIN D. H. KELTON, U. S. A., retired, has gone to St. Augustine from Gainesville, Fla.

CAPTAIN J. V. DEHANNE, U. S. A., retired, has gone to Ironia, N. J., from Brooklyn, N. Y.

CAPTAIN G. F. TOWLE, U. S. A., retired, who is travelling abroad, was in Florence, Italy, at last accounts.

COLONEL RICHARD LODGE, 2d U. S. Artillery, left Fort Adams, R. I., on Tuesday, to visit relatives, and will return in a week.

CHAPLAIN T. G. STEWARD, U. S. A., was expected to leave Fort Meade this week for the East to spend until June next on leave.

COLONEL JOHN S. BILLINGS, surgeon, U. S. A., visited friends in New York City this week en route to West Point on special service.

CAPTAIN J. C. AYERS, U. S. A., chief ordnance officer on the staff of Gen. Brooke, left Omaha this week to spend a month on leave.

LIEUTENANT G. W. BUDD, U. S. A., retired, lately at Watertown, S. Dak., has gone to Minneapolis, Minn. His new address is 915 3d avenue.

LIEUTENANT COLDEN L. H. RUGGLES, 3d U. S. Art., enjoying a pleasant tour of duty in Chicago in connection with the World's Columbian Exposition.

LIEUTENANT IRA A. HAYNES, 4th U. S. Artillery, arrived in Richmond this week and reported to the Governor of Virginia for temporary duty with the state troops.

We regret to learn that the wife of Lieut. C. J. T. Clarke is dangerously ill. Her parents, Hon. and Mrs. Robertson, have arrived from Des Moines, Iowa.—Kansas City Times.

CAPTAIN T. F. FORBES, 5th U. S. Infantry, a recent arrival in the East for recruiting duty, has been visiting friends in New York before going to Davis Island.

Mrs. W. S. HANCOCK, who is spending the winter at 24 Gramercy Park, New York City, has been seriously ill, but is now out of danger and on the road to complete recovery.

LIEUTENANT GEORGE B. DUNCAN, 9th U. S. Infantry, who has been on temporary duty at the Headquarters of the Army since August, 1892, was expected at Sackett's Harbor this week to resume duty with his company at Madison Barracks.

The meeting of the U. S. Army chaplains in Chicago has been fixed for June 25 next. Between 25 and 30 of the active chaplains and seven or eight of the retired chaplains have indicated their intention to be present. The chaplains of the Navy have been invited.

COLONEL H. M. LAZELLE, 18th U. S. Inf., whose health has not been very good of late, will try the benefit of a trip beyond the sea, remaining absent about a year. During his absence the post of Ft. Clark and the regiment will be commanded by Maj. J. E. Rose.

At the regular open meeting of the United Service Club, New York, for this month, to be held on Tuesday evening, March 21, at 8.30 o'clock, a paper will be read by Comdr. Theodore F. Jewell, U. S. N., entitled "The Torpedo in Naval Warfare," illustrated by stereopticon views.

A RETIRING board having found Capt. A. H. M. Taylor, 19th U. S. Infantry, incapacitated for active service, and he having been granted leave of absence until further orders, it is not likely anything further will be heard of his trial by the General Court-martial at Fort Wayne, Mich., which met for that purpose but adjourned without action.

A WASHINGTON despatch of March 13 to the New York Sun says: "It was said at the War Department to-day that Col. John M. Wilson, Corps of Engineers, may be nominated for the vacant brigadier-generalship. Colonel Wilson was Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds in Washington, and is now master of ceremonies at the White House during President Cleveland's first term. He was a very capable and popular officer, and became one of the warm personal friends of the President and Mrs. Cleveland."

A WASHINGTON despatch says: "Gossip as to the personnel of the committee that will probably be appointed to visit the Hawaiian Islands includes the names of Judge Martin V. Montgomery, of Michigan; Major-Gen. Schofield, Rear Admiral Brown and Capt. H. L. Howison. General Schofield was a member of the committee that visited Hawaii many years ago, and Admiral Brown's last cruise was to that country. Captain Howison is now at the Mare Island Navy yard. He is said to be peculiarly fitted for the mission by reason of his service in Hawaii, and naval officers generally agree that he is one of the best-equipped men in the Service for the commission."

The following extract is taken from an exchange: Captain Townsend, formerly an officer in the regular Army and a West Pointer, was burned alive at a shack at Kalspel, Mont., Wednesday morning. The case is surrounded with mystery. When the fire first discovered Townsend could be seen lying on a bed inside, but seemed to be helpless, and it was beyond the power of man to help; as the structure went up in flames. The coroner is investigating.—Kansas City Times. (But five Townsends have been known to the public: E. D., who is residing in Washington; E. F., who is on duty at Ft. Leavenworth; J. C., who died in 1892; Thos. G., who is on duty at Newport Barracks, and Custer McD., who is on duty at Memphis, Tenn. There were two other Townsends who entered the Military Academy, but did not graduate, Hurlburt G. Townsend, of N. Y., in 1859, and Daniel E. Townsend, of Louisiana, in 1861.)

THE SITUATION IN HAWAII.

THE New York Tribune publishes a very interesting account of the condition of things in Hawaii in a letter dated Honolulu, March 1. Public sentiment upon the subject of annexation is mixed. Property owners, most of whom are of American birth or descent, are the leading annexationists. They represent the demand for responsible government, economical expenditure, moral politics and low taxation—the four ideas the application of which will make the islands prosperous. The Portuguese, who are an excellent class of citizens, strongly favor annexation. The second generation has been educated in schools taught by Americans, and has grown up in full sympathy with the aims and institutions of the United States. The better class of natives are also in favor, and they have a strong antipathy to the Queen as the representative of a usurpation and not one of the Lord's anointed. The half caste Hawaiians are halting between two opinions, but generally are content to receive whatever may be in store for them. The common native does not like the Americans, possibly because the ruling missionary class has abridged his liberty and tabooed his ancient customs. This feeling has been artfully cultivated by the English, who hoped to get some political benefit from it when the inevitable change in government came. It need not be thought, however, that the Kanaka, on account of his prejudices, will ever become a disturbing factor in a new citizenship here. He is too inert. Years ago Ross Browne hit off his characteristics when he said that he had never but once seen a Kanaka doing anything, and then he was falling off a house.

But the chief opponent of annexation is the Englishman who does not like to be interfered with in his exercise of his divine prerogative of entering into and possessing the uttermost parts of the earth.

The Tribune correspondent states that the present position is the result of a long series of diplomatic moves on the part of Minister Stevens, which upset the plans of the Englishmen. Among the statements made by this correspondent are the following:

Some partisans of the ex-Queen met that night and muttered among themselves about a counter revolution. Capt. Witte heard of it and sent for the ringleader, J. S. Bush.

"I understand," said he, "that you have proposed a rising in favor of the monarchy?"

"Not at all; not at all!" protested the surprised malcontent. "I have done nothing of the sort."

"However that may be," replied the Boston's captain, "I want to say that if the thing is tried a good many people will get killed."

Bush took the hint, and so did his native friends. The Portuguese, German and French diplomatic representatives received the protectorate with enthusiasm. The latter kept open house to his friends during the day, and drank to the health of the Great Republic in Chateau Lafitte. The British Minister, Maj. Woodhouse, happened to be on the street when the Boston's men marched by, and was heard to say dejectedly: "The monarchy is dead." His hopeful son, however, rushed about with threats of coming slaughter, and was indiscreet enough to ask Lieut. Young, of the Boston, in a meaning way, if he had heard from the Garnet yet.

"The Garnets?" replied the lieutenant, with mock surprise. "I used to know a family of that name in Virginia. Are they coming here?"

The apologies of the American officer were profuse when he was told that the Garnet was a British ship of war; but the ultra-English colony took the jest very much to heart.

On shore the naval arm of the United States is everywhere shown. The Bishop house and grounds, now known as Camp Boston, is held by a strong force of sailors and marines under Lieut.-Comdr. Swinburne. The garrison is supplied with Gatling guns, revolvers, and magazine rifles. At the Government Building and the American Legation marines are on duty. Every evening a quarter past 5 there is a dress parade on the triangular common in front of the Capitol and palace. This is the favorite time for the American colony to turn out and enjoy a stirring spectacle as the bluejackets present arms and the drums roll and the old flag is dipped.

February 19 Admiral Skerrett reviewed the naval forces. As many of the marines and sailors as could be spared from the Boston and Mohican took part in this ceremony. There were two battalions under Lieut.-Comdr. Swinburne, and a martial band from the flagship. The men were in excellent form and marched with the precision of well-drilled soldiers.

Admiral Skerrett, accompanied by his staff and by Capt. Witte and President Dole, stood on the curbstone opposite the parade and received the review. All Honolulu was present in the streets and the American flag was generally displayed.

Just as the column was giving the marching salute to the Admiral one of the street cars, driven by a half-caste Kanaka, broke into the ranks and disorganized them. Company front was quickly changed to column of fours, but the beauty of the march past was destroyed. It afterward appeared that some of the Liliuokalani party had put the car driver up to the proceeding. The man was arrested by Marshal Ashley and sentenced to a term in jail.

A Honolulu despatch of Feb. 16 to the N. Y. Herald says: There was a narrow escape to-night from what might have been a serious fight between sailors from the American warships and the British cruiser Garnet. The English tars have boasted that they would "do up" the Americans on the first opportunity, and this came to-night. A gang of the Garnet's men, all well primed with whiskey, began singing "Britannia Rules the Waves," in Nuuanu street, and when they had finished they made insulting remarks about the Stars and Stripes, and one fellow challenged any American to take it up. Some of the Mohican's men were within hearing, and if it had not been for the coolness of a petty officer there would have been a bloody fight. The Commercial Advertiser calls attention to the urgent need of a strong police guard on this street to prevent any recurrence of the difficulty between English and American sailors.

The Sun revives the story of the tearing down of the American Coat of Arms over the American Legation at Honolulu in April, 1893, by two cadets in the English Navy, both sons of peers. One was Lord Charles Beresford. In answer to the vigorous protests of the American Minister the British naval commander finally, but most reluctantly, compelled

the young men to go ashore and restore the shield to its original position. An apology was also tendered by the young men to the American Minister, and one came from the British Government. The two young men were called home and were dismissed from the English navy for five years. Lord Charles Beresford has since won distinction in the English navy. He commanded the landing forces at Alexandria in 1882.

FOREIGN ITEMS.

GERMANY has adopted the shelter tent and Austro-Hungary is to follow.

SEVERAL Austrian officers have had the hoofs of their dead horses set in silver and gold and provided with suitable inscriptions, so as to serve as souvenirs of the fatal ride from Vienna to Berlin.

THE Austrians are discussing the question of adopting a two years' service for their Army and making changes that would add about half a million men to it within twelve years, raising the war strength of the Austro-Hungary Army to 1,800,000 men of full service. In addition to this would be the Landsturm.

CHILE and the Argentine Republic have several delicate questions outstanding which, at least one of them, seems inclined to refer to the arbitration of arms. Both Republics have the making of effective fleets, and both are buying more vessels in Europe.

THE British military authorities have taken ground against marching competitions for the reason that "as they are conducted at different stations, under different conditions as to weather and roads, can offer no test of relative merit, and should, therefore, be discontinued."

THE London and China "Telegraph" is alarmed because the Dutch have established a coaling station at Putau Way, an island at the N. E. extremity of Sumatra. Troops have been landed on the island, a fort is being built, and the necessary coaling sheds are in course of construction. It is situated in the very midst of the ocean highway, leading from the West to the far East, and bids fair to become a commercial centre.

THE United Service Gazette reports that interesting experiments have taken place at Jullundur with a lance invented by Col. R. Eardley-Wilmot, 14th Bengal Lancers, in two pieces, joining with a bayonet slot in a brass socket. It is strong, light, and handy, and when the trooper is required to dismount, by a turn of the wrist he divides it in two and drops the pieces into the bucket from which he has taken his carbine. It was tried during the squadron training of the inventor's regiment, and all are in favor of the new lance. When the men dismounted on the off side they were ready for action in less than half the time it took men who had to fasten the lance to the wallet by a strap. Mounting was also done from the offside.

THE Committee on the German Army bill, March 11, rejected the whole of the second clause, which proposed to increase the complements of the infantry battalions from 538 to 711, of cavalry squadrons from 465 to 477, of the field artillery batteries from 434 to 494, foot artillery battalions from 31 to 37, pioneer battalions from 16 to 24 and the railway engineers from six to seven battalions. The Committee further rejected the clause fixing the peace effective force at 492,000, exclusive of officers and non-commissioned officers, and also rejected Herr Richter's amendment proposing that the peace effective force October, 1893, to December, 1895, should be 488,938, as at present. The Committee then adjourned until March 16.

THE Reichsanzeiger states that a Russian officer named Smoloff is experimenting with the purpose of substituting hawks for pigeons for the carrying of despatches. The bird, he says, has a more rapid and prolonged flight than the pigeon, which has never attained a speed of more than 15 miles an hour during a period of 15 hours, whereas this is the normal speed of the hawk; and the hawk, moreover, will carry a weight of four Russian pounds without his flight being sensibly impeded. Moreover, says the Russian authority, hawks are much less exposed than pigeons to the attack of rapacious birds, being themselves a match for all but a few.

IN the opinion of a military writer in the Militar Wochenblatt the more severe the exertion the more carefully should the man or horse be kept from alcoholic stimulation. Col. Schaak, the officer referred to, says: "A horse, like every other animal, can be momentarily excited by alcohol; the action of the heart will be accelerated, but only to be quickly followed by reaction and a corresponding exhaustion. So long as a man believes in the virtue of alcohol for himself, so long will he believe in its efficiency in the case of horses." In proof of his contention that alcoholic stimulation is injurious to horses, he remarks that Colonel Sohr has long been convinced by the experiments of such physiologists as Professors Donders and Bunge that alcohol is a dangerous poison that he would never dream of giving alcohol to a horse. He gave the treatment a fair trial many years ago, with the result that the animal lost flesh and was in a fair way to die. As soon, however, as these alcoholic "plok-me-ups" were discontinued, the horse recovered its vigor, and was able to be ridden long distances as before.

THE smallest consort in France is Louis Bernadat of Luret, in the Department of the Allier, who is barely 70 centimetres in height, which is just about 28 inches, or 2 feet 4 inches in our measurement. Little Bernadat came of age this year, and was summoned to draw his number out of the conscription urn. At first when his name was called out it was thought he was some child who had been brought in, and had been told to answer as a joke. But on looking at him again it was seen that he was a dwarf with a slight monstachio. As the top of his head did not reach to the level of the table on which the urn was placed, a gendarme in attendance laid hold of him by the collar and lifted him up to draw his number. The father of this Lilliputian soldier, who of course will not really be made to serve, is a well-to-do farmer, who is very fond of him, and has refused several seductive offers from showmen who have wanted to exhibit him.

THE NAVY

HILARY A. HERBERT, *Secretary of the Navy.*
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NAVAL VESSELS IN COMMISSION.

WHEN AND WHERE LAST HEARD FROM.

Naval Review Fleet.—Rear-Admiral Bancroft Gherardt, *Commander-in-Chief.*

(In accordance with Special Orders No. 21, Jan. 14, 1893, the North Atlantic and South Atlantic Stations are temporarily discontinued from March 1, until the close of the Naval Review, their respective commanders reporting to Rear-Admiral Gherardt with their vessels for duty in the Naval Review Fleet.)

BALTIMORE, flagship, 2d rate, 10 guns, Capt. W. R. Bridgman. At New York. Fitting out for Naval Review. Will rendezvous at Hampton Roads about March 31.

CHARLESTON, 2d rate, 8 guns, Captain Henry F. Pickens. At Norfolk. Fitting out for Naval Review.

SAN FRANCISCO, 2d rate, 13 guns, Captain J. C. Watson. Same as Charleston.

YORKTOWN, 3d rate, 6 guns, Commander Frank Wildes. Same as Baltimore.

N. Atl. Station.—(Temporarily discontinued.)—A. R. Adm. John G. Walker.

Address care Commandant, New York.

PHILADELPHIA, 2d rate, 12 guns, Capt. A. S. Barker. Arrived at New York March 12.

CONCORD, 3d rate, 6 guns, Commander Edwin White. At Norfolk, Va., fitting out.

ATLANTA, 2d rate, 8 guns, Capt. F. J. Higginson. At Hampton Roads March 14.

CHICAGO, 2d rate, 14 guns, flagship, Capt. John F. McGlensky. At Hampton Roads March 16.

KEARSARGE, 3d rate, 7 guns, Comdr. A. S. Crowninshield. Arrived March 12, at San Domingo to look after American interests.

MIANTONOMOH, monitor, 2d rate, 4 guns, Captain Montgomery Sicard, comdr. At New York Navy-yard. Will soon proceed to Hampton Roads.

VESUVIUS, 4th rate, 8 guns, dynamite cruiser, Lt. Seaton Schroeder, comdr. At New York.

S. Atl. Sta'n.—Rear-Admiral A. E. K. Benham (Station temporarily discontinued until close of Naval Review in April.)

The mail matter for ships on this station should be addressed "Care of the United States Consul, Montevideo, Uruguay, or care of B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar Square, London." Letters sent to Rio Janeiro are frequently subjected to very long delays, owing to fumigation and other reasons.

NEWARK, flagship, 2d rate, 12 guns, Captain Silas Casey. Arrived at St. Thomas March 12 en route to Havana. Caravels in convoy.

BENNINGTON, 3d rate, 6 guns, Commander R. B. Bradford. Same as Newark.

ESSEX, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. Wm. W. Mead. At Hampton Roads, Va. Will go out of commission and may be fitted up for service at the Naval Academy.

YANTIC, 4th rate, 4 guns, Lieut.-Comdr. Samuel Belden. Montevideo, Uruguay, Feb. 15. Lieut.-Comdr. Belden will shortly be detached and ordered home for examination for promotion. Lieut.-Comdr. H. W. Lyon ordered to command.

Pacific Station.—Acting Rear Admiral J. S. Skerrett.

Address all mail to Navy Pay Office, San Francisco, Cal. unless otherwise noted.

ADAMS, 3d rate, Comdr. Thomas Nelson. At San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 15. Awaiting orders which will probably send her to Samoa.

ALLIANCE, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. W. H. Whiting. Arrived at Samoa from Honolulu Dec. 13. Orders have been sent for her to return home.

BOSTON, 2d rate, 8 guns, Captain B. F. Day. At Honolulu, S. I.

MOHICAN, 3d rate, 10 guns, Comdr. Nicoll Ludlow. At Honolulu.

RANGER, 3d rate, Commander E. Longnecker. At San Francisco, Cal., awaiting orders.

THETIS, 3d rate, 3 machine guns, Comdr. Geo. C. Reiter. On surveying duty on lower coast of California. Sailed from San Diego Feb. 12.

Atlantic Station.—Rear Adm. D. B. Harmony. To be relieved June 7 by Rear Admiral Irwin.

Address all mail Yokohama, Japan.

ALERT, 3d rate, 4 guns, Comdr. Geo. R. Durand. On a cruise to Swatow, Manila, Zehol, and Hong Kong. At Swatow Jan. 20. Comdr. G. M. Book ordered to command per steamer of March 4 from San Francisco.

LANCASTER, 2d rate, 10 guns, flagship, Capt. A. H. McCormick. At Hong Kong Feb. 8.

MONOCACY, Comdr. F. M. Barber, 3d rate 6 guns. At Shanghai Jan. 31.

MARION, flagship, 3d rate, 8 guns, Comdr. O. V. Gridley. At Saigon Jan. 28. Will visit Bangkok, Singapore, Malacca, Penang, Batavia, Savwak, Labuan and Hong Kong.

PETREL, 4th rate, 4 guns, Lieut.-Comdr. M. R. S. Mackenzie. Lieut.-Comdr. J. H. Dayton ordered to command per steamer of Jan. 24 from San Francisco. At Nagasaki Jan. 31. Ordered to Yokohama.

Apprentice Training Squadron.

PORTSMOUTH, 12 guns, Comdr. O. D. Sigbee. On winter cruise in the West Indies. Arrived at St. Christopher, W. I., March 7. Mail for the Portsmouth should leave the U. S. as follows: Care of U. S. Consul, St. Thomas, W. I., until April 12; after April 12 all mail should be sent to Hampton Roads, Va. The ship may visit the French West Indies, for which contingency arrangements will be made at St. Thomas for forwarding mail from that point.

RICHMOND, 3d rate, 14 guns, Capt. F. M. Bunde. At Newport, R. I. (Receiving ship for boys).

MINNESOTA, 19 guns, Receiving ship for boys. Captain J. R. Bartlett. At dock foot of West 50th street, N. Y. City. P. O. Station G, New York.

MONONGAHELA, Comdr. T. A. Lyons. On her winter's practice cruise. Arrived at Bridgeton, Barbadoes, W. I., Feb. 13.

On Special Service.

AND AWAITING ASSIGNMENT

BANCROFT, practice cruiser, Lieut.-Comdr. Asa Walker, Navy-Yard, N. Y.

CUSHING, torpedo boat, Lieut. F. F. Fletcher commanding. At Newport, R. I.

DOLPHIN, 3d rate, despatch boat, 3 guns, Lieut. B. H. Buckingham. At Norfolk being fitted out for service with Naval Review.

FERN, fourth rate despatch vessel, Lieut. Comdr. W. C. Gibson. At New York Navy-yard.

MICHIGAN, 4th rate, 4 guns, (2 howitzers and 2 Gatlings), Lt. Comdr. R. M. Berry. At Buffalo, N. Y., where new boilers are being put in.

PINTA, 4th rate, 4 howitzers, Lieut.-Comdr. W. T. Burwell. At Sitka, Alaska, at last accounts.

SABATOGA, Lt.-Comdr. E. T. Strong. Nautical schoolship of Pennsylvania. Address Philadelphia.

ST. MARY'S, sails, 8 guns, Comdr. John McGowan, Jr. Public Marine School, New York.

CONSTELLATION, 10 guns (practice ship of Naval Academy), Comdr. C. F. Goodrich. At New York.

ENTERPRISE, 3d rate, 6 guns, Lt.-Comdr. J. F. Merry. At Boston, Mass.

MONTEREY.—Coast defence vessel, 2d rate, 4 guns, Capt. Louis Kempff. Mare Island, Cal.

Receiving Ships, Iron-Clads, Etc.

DALE, Comdr. E. S. Houston. Receiving-ship. Navy-yard, Washington, D. C.

FRANKLIN, 30 guns, Capt. Rush R. Wallace. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Norfolk, Va.

INDEPENDENCE, 7 howitzers, Capt. C. S. Cotton. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Mare Island, Cal.

ST. LOUIS, sails, Comdr. C. H. Rockwell. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, League Island, Pa.

VERMONT, 1 gun, Capt. J. N. Miller. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, New York.

WABASH, 20 guns, Capt. Jas. O'Kane. Receiving ship, Navy-yard, Boston, Mass.

The armor-clad *Ajar*, *Catskill*, *Canonius*, *Lehigh*, *Ma-Aspac*, *Manhattan* and *Wyandotte*, in command of Comdr. G. W. Pigman, are laid up near Richmond, Va. P. O. address, Richmond, Va.

VARIOUS NAVAL ITEMS.

The Netherlands Minister of Marine, has asked for large credits from the Parliament, with the purpose of reconstituting the Dutch fleet. The Budget Committee has not approved of all his projects.

DURING the past week the Navy Registers for 1893 have been distributed to the officers on foreign stations and to a few of those on the retired list of the Navy. The full number printed will soon be at the disposal of the Department.

The old 74-gun wooden line of battleship *Benbow*, which has been employed for many years past as a floating coal depot in Sheerness Harbor, is to be sold out of the Royal Navy. She took part in the bombardment of St. Jean d'Acre.

In her engine trials the Russian battleship *Twelve Apostles*, in calm water, during six consecutive hours, made 15.5 knots, but, afterwards, in rough weather, she attained 16.8 knots, with 8,000 horse power, her full capacity being 8,500 horse power. The coal not being of good quality, it was feared damage might be caused by the use of forced draught.

The British naval estimates just submitted to Parliament provide for an increase of 2,600 in the personnel, making a total of 76,700 men. It is proposed to build 39 new ships, namely, three battleships, two first class cruisers, two second class cruisers, two station gunboats, six 27-knot torpedo boat destroyers and 14 others on similar lines, and 10 first class torpedo boats.

DURING some recent dredging operations in Portsmouth Harbor an old ship's bell was brought up, which on examination is found to bear the inscription "Richard Carew, 1622." It is said that inquiries have elicited the fact that Richard Carew fitted out a privateer about that date, and as this bell was probably cast for use on board her, it is intended to send it to the West Country family who still represent the name.

The new Cunard steamer *Lucania*, the second of the two new vessels built by the Fairfield Company at Govan for this line, was launched recently and christened by the Countess of Eglintoun. This vessel, and the *Campania*, launched last September, will, upon completion, be placed upon the list of mercantile auxiliaries. The *Campania* will begin to run in May next. These vessels are 620 ft. in length, 65 ft. 3 in. beam, and will have a displacement of 19,000 tons. The 30,000 horse-power engines are to give them a continuous sea speed of 21 knots an hour, and it is expected that they will be able to cross the Atlantic in five days.

The London *Daily News* says: "Prince Louis, of Battenberg, testifies, from his own experience as a naval officer, to the great difficulty or communicating orders to the guns in the gun positions in our modern ships. We have not found any satisfactory means of communicating orders from the conning tower or where the captain happens to be. In the last war cruises he commanded one of the new 20-knot cruisers, and even then he found it extremely difficult to communicate with the simple armament which they had on board—a 6 inch gun on the fore-castle and one on the poop, with a broadside battery, all on the upper deck. If it was difficult under such circumstances, where the guns could all be taken in at one glance, what, asks Prince Louis, must it be in a battleship in closed turrets? In brief, voice pipes have, according to this authority, failed utterly on board ships."

It is expected that H. M. S. *Howe* will prove to be a total loss.

Work on the machinery of the *Monadnock* at the Mare Island Navy-yard is making good progress, and the chief engineer of the vessel, Chief Eng. Burnap, anticipates a trial of the machinery before many months. Mr. Burnap will be attached to the *Monadnock* during her first commission.

H. M. S. *Rupert*, which is to be renovated, has just reached the limit of twenty-one years, assigned as the possible age of armored battleships, and she is still good for fifteen years more with a comparatively small expenditure. Her trial speed when new was 13.5 knots. She has now with her new engines achieved 13.7 knots under natural draught, and 14.4 knots under forced draught.

The following changes in the personnel of the Asiatic Station are reported by Rear Admiral Harmony under date of Jan. 31: Comdr. G. R. Durand, transferred from the *Alert* to the Civil Hospital, Hong Kong, Jan. 7; Lieut. H. H. Barroll, detached from the *Lancaster* Jan. 11, and reported on the *Marion* Jan. 17; Paymr. G. H. Read reported on board the *Marion* Jan. 20; Lieut. John Garvin reported on board the *Monocacy* Jan. 22; Lieut. A. G. Quinby detached from the *Petrel* Jan. 22, and reported on the *Lancaster* Jan. 25; Ensign W. V. Pratt detached from the *Monocacy* Jan. 22, and ordered to the *Petrel*; P. A. Engr. W. C. Eaton detached from the *Palos* Jan. 22, and reported on board the *Lancaster* Jan. 25; Ensign G. B. Bradshaw detached from the *Palos* Jan. 22, and reported on board the *Lancaster* Jan. 25; Lieut.-Comdr. J. J. Hunter and Ensign A. T. Long detached from the *Palos* Jan. 22, and ordered home.

The *United Service Gazette* says: "There is a strong feeling springing up that we are wrong in contenting ourselves with subsidizing some of the best of our merchant vessels and making perfunctory arrangements for their armaments when occasion arises. The preparations of the United States Navy Department for the armament of the *New York*, lately purchased from the Italian Line, have lent fresh force to the arguments against our own less sure way of doing things. The *New York* is to be supplied with a battery of twelve 6-inch breech-loaders, one at each bow and quarter, and four on the broadside. Another battery will have twenty 6-inch quickfiring guns in the main and hurricane decks, and eight 1-pounders in the tops. There will be also two submarine guns at the bows, so placed as to discharge projectiles ten feet below the waterline. What have we, it is asked, that could bring to book a ship having the speed of the *New York*, and equipped with such an armament?"

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty in their minute relating to the findings of the court-martial in the case of the loss of the *Howe* say: "Inexcusable ignorance of the dangerous position of the ship must be held to be the cause why no use was made of the large margin of steam power available, or of the facilities which twin-screws afford for rapid turning, to get the ship back into mid-channel course from the position in which she was embayed. They cannot concur in the finding of the court which fully acquitted Captain Hastings and Comdr. Dickinson of all blame. On the contrary, they attribute the disaster to unskillful management on the part of those officers, to disregard of the information afforded by the sailing directions with reference to the currents, and to neglect on their part to take the necessary bearings by which the safety of the ship could easily have been insured. They desire to point out that the views expressed by certain witnesses before the court, that latitude in keeping station is allowed when ships are in open order, cannot be admitted except for the paramount reason of the safety of the vessel. Their Lordships are further of opinion that the undoubtedly increased risk caused by taking the squadron into Ferrol on a flood tide was not duly considered by the Admiral in command, and that the strength of the tide contributed to render the want of skill in navigating the *Howe* irremediable. My Lords take this opportunity of again directing special attention to the circular letter of April 14, 1892, M., and to the instructions contained in the section relating to charts as navigational aids in the pamphlet on 'Notes on Navigation,' ed. 1891. They cannot too strongly enforce upon all officers entrusted with charge or command in her Majesty's fleet the necessity of observing the rules and cautions there given, the neglect of which has of late deprived the country at least temporarily of the services of several costly and powerful ships, and they must impress upon them that risks which may be necessary in time of war are unjustifiable in time of peace."

NAVY GAZETTE.

Ordered.

MARCH 11.—Naval Cadets Charles R. Emriob, Geo. Richards, James F. Carter, H. H. Hough, Wm. D. Brotherton, H. H. Christy, E. T. Pollock, N. E. Lewis, R. B. Blier, H. G. McFarland, A. Althous, H. C. Kuenzi and Waldo Evans, to examination for final graduation on May 15 next.

MARCH 13.—Lieut.-Commander J. F. Merry, to examination for promotion.

MARCH 14.—Lieut.-Commander F. P. Gilmore, a member of the Board of Inspection at the Navy-yard, Mare Island.

Lieutenant A. Gleaves, to ordnance duty, Navy-yard, Washington.

P. A. Surgeon James D. Gatewood, to temporary duty in the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

Detached.

MARCH 10.—Lieutenant J. F. Moser, from the San Francisco and ordered to duty in the office of the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

MARCH 13.—Lieut.-Commander Samuel Belden, from the command of the *Yantic* upon the reporting of his relief, ordered to return home and report arrival.

Lieut.-Commander H. W. Lyon, from the Navy Station, Newport, R. I., and ordered to command the *Yantic*, per steamer March 25.

Lieutenant F. E. Greene, from duty at the Navy-yard, Washington, and ordered to the Monterey.

Ensign H. P. Jones, from the Constellation and ordered to the Navy-yard, Norfolk, Va.

Ensign H. G. Gates, from the Constellation and ordered to the Navy-yard, Norfolk, Va.

MARCH 14.—Rear Admiral David B. Harmony, from command of the Asiatic Station on the reporting of his relief, ordered to return home, and on arrival to report to the Navy Department.

Lieutenant J. R. Selfridge, from the Lancaster, ordered to return home and report arrival to the Department.

Lieutenant John Hood, from the Constellation and ordered to the receiving ship Vermont.

Ensign W. L. Howard, from the Coast Survey steamer Hassler and granted three months' leave.

Assistant Surgeon W. C. Braisted, from the Vesuvius and ordered to the receiving ship Vermont.

Assistant Surgeon Henry La Motte, from the receiving ship Vermont and ordered to the Vesuvius.

MARCH 15.—Rear Admiral John Irwin, from the command of the Navy-yard, Mare Island, May 2, and ordered to command the Asiatic Station per steamer May 13 from San Francisco.

Lieutenant E. M. Hughes, from the Coast Survey steamer Beebe and ordered to the nautical school ship Saratoga.

Lieutenant H. M. Hodges, from the Atlanta and ordered to the Chicago.

Ensign W. B. Whittlesey, from ordnance instruction at the Navy yard, Washington, D. C., and ordered to ordnance duty at that yard.

Ensign W. S. Sims, from duty on board the nautical school ship Saratoga and ordered to hold himself in readiness for orders to sea.

Ensign S. S. Wood, from special duty, Navy Department, and ordered to duty in the Bureau of Navigation.

Ensign Thos. R. De Steigner, from the Baltimore and ordered to the Philadelphia.

Passed Assistant Engineer R. G. Deniz, from the Philadelphia and ordered to duty in connection with the machinery of the Machias.

Assistant Engineer F. H. Conant, from the Navy-yard, New York, and ordered to the Philadelphia.

Nominations.

MARCH 16.—William McAdoo, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Passed Assistant Engineer Chas. W. Rae, to be a chief engineer in the Navy, and Assistant Engineer Wm. H. Alderdice, to be a passed assistant engineer in the Navy from Feb. 21, 1893.

RECENT DEATHS.

MEDICAL INSPECTOR HENRY CLAY NELSON, U. S. Navy, who died at Concord, N. H., March 10, joined the Navy, from Maryland, in May, 1861, and served with efficiency during the war, being on duty on the *Susquehanna* of the West Gulf Blockading Squadron from 1861 to 1863. In 1877 and 1878 he was fleet surgeon of the North Pacific Station, attained the grade of medical inspector in April, 1879, and was retired April 23, 1884.

BREVET BRIGADIER-GENERAL PETER VALENTINE HAGNER, Colonel, U. S. Army, retired, who died at Washington, D. C., March 11, in the seventy eighth year of his age, had a distinguished record. He entered the Military Academy in 1832, was graduated in 1836, and promoted to the 1st Artillery. He served in the Florida War in 1836 and 1837, was transferred to the Ordnance Department in 1838, and rendered conspicuous service in the Mexican War. For his gallantry at Cerro Gordo and Chapultepec he received the brevets of captain and major, being wounded at the San Cosme Gate. He was promoted captain in the Ordnance Department in 1851, major in 1861, lieutenant-colonel in 1863, and colonel in 1867. During the war his services in the Ordnance Department were of a high and valuable order, for which he received the brevets of colonel and brigadier-general. He was retired, at his own request, June 1, 1881. General Hagner had a large circle of friends and comrades, by whom his death will be sincerely regretted.

CAPTAIN CHARLES N. W. CUNNINGHAM, who committed suicide at Eagle Pass, Texas, March 9, was formerly an officer of the Regular Army. He served with credit during the war as an enlisted man and officer of the Massachusetts Volunteers, was appointed a captain of the 38th U. S. Infantry in July, 1866, was transferred to the 24th U. S. Infantry in November, 1869, and was dismissed the Service Nov. 23, 1878.

ON March 11 the camp equipage of Capt. Forbush's troops of the 5th U. S. Cavalry, which are in camp on the line five miles south of Arkansas City, Ark., were entirely consumed by fire. The guns, ammunition and clothing of the entire troop were entirely consumed.

Capt. Bishop, who reached Caldwell Tuesday with four troops of the 5th Cavalry from Fort Reno, received orders to clear the Cherokee Strip of all intruders. He left Caldwell March 15 with his command for the southern border of the strip.

THE engagement is announced of Lieut. John J. Bradley, 14th U. S. Infantry, to Miss Caroline Louise Sladen, only daughter of Capt. J. A. Sladen, U. S. Army, of Portland, Ore., and sister of Lieut. F. W. Sladen, 14th U. S. Infantry. Both are well known and very popular in Portland, and their friends are highly pleased with the match.

THE guerilla warfare in Tonquin is very annoying to the French. Within the twelve months, nineteen officers have been killed, and nine wounded, while the casualties in killed and wounded among the rank and file were 681. The month of March was most disastrous both to officers and men, but not a single month in the year was without its deaths, the officers escaping only in April and September.

MR. PROCTOR'S REFORMS.

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

THE effect of recent legislation upon the discipline and well being of the Army is a matter of such serious import that the facetious editorial in the Journal of March 4 seems widely out of place. It is to be regretted that the influence of the leading military journal in the country should be thrown in favor of a scheme which, although fathered by one or two officers of the Inspector-General's Office of high rank, has not, we venture to say, the support of a single troop, battery or company commander in the whole Army.

The opinions of officers who have been for years separated from the enlisted man, and whose views, formed from the vantage ground of a comfortable office chair in Washington, or New York, are purely theoretical—for it would be presumptuous even to assume that in the hurried annual inspections made by the officers of the Inspector-General's Department any real knowledge of the situation can be learned—can in no fairness be thrown into the balance against that of officers who have spent years, often a lifetime, on duty with soldiers, and who certainly do understand the enlisted man and the needs of the Service, if they are capable of being understood by anybody.

The writer, after more than a quarter of a century of duty with troops, believes that he can form a fair estimate of the tendency of the legislation of which Mr. Proctor is the sponsor. Nothing but good can be said of the innovations introduced since the war, looking to the betterment of the enlisted man in the matter of food and surroundings—and to Gen. Holabird, especially, the enlisted men of the Army owe a debt of gratitude. Of the Proctorian measures, with the possible exception of the Saturday inspection, no words of praise are due. They are believed to have been ill-advised and detrimental to discipline and the best interests of the Service. A five year enlistment, with the privilege of going out at the end of the third year, would have met all the requirements of the case, for a shorter term of enlistment. The disadvantages of present methods are too well known to need more than a mention. The term of service instead of being three years is, in reality, from one to two only. At the end of the first year the recruit's retained, added to one month's pay, is sufficient to buy his discharge. From this time on you have no hold upon the soldier. If he does not take advantage of the situation and go out simply because he can do so, at the first whim of discontent, from unpalatable disciplinary rules, unwellcome drills or a change of station, in goes the application for discharge, and unless the man is of bad record, back comes the coveted order with a celerity that looks as though the Adjutant-General's Department was in haste to get rid of the applicant just at a time when he is beginning to be of some value to the Government.

A good infantryman cannot be made from the raw recruit in less than two years, and to think of making a decent cavalryman or artilleryman inside of three years is worse than absurd.

The law relative to enlistment, just passed through the efforts of Mr. Proctor, backed, it is believed, by certain officers of the Inspector-General's Department, is, without exaggeration, the most vicious piece of military legislation ever put upon the statute books. Col. Hughes has probably forgotten the time when, serving with his company, he had, as every company commander has to day, or did have, a dozen or more men in the ranks of from ten to twenty years' service, who, from lack of education, or from some mental peculiarity, were unfit for non-commissioned officers, and yet who were thoroughly good soldiers, reliable at all times, and in a time of emergency or danger simply invaluable, and worth ten times their number of the ideal soldiers of the gentleman we have mentioned. They are men "who can do things," who can be depended upon always and to the bitter end. To say that a man who has been ten years in the Army and has not reached the non-com. grade is not the man we want, is the veriest rot, as Col. Hughes must know if he has not forgotten his earlier experiences, and as Mr. Proctor would know if he had ever served as a company commander.

The military equation, reduced to its ultimate term, is the private soldier, and unless he be made of the right stuff and has had adequate training, no amount of intelligence on the part of the non-commissioned, and in the commissioned officers, or efficiency in the staff corps of an army can maintain it as that well drilled and reliable body it has been in the past. Made up, as it is rapidly getting to be, of "wet-nosed boys, full of whims and unresists," as one writer has well said, it must soon become the veriest apology for an array of soldiers. Cut off from the Soldier's Home and the retired list, men will not enlist except as a temporary makeshift. The most alarming feature of the whole question lies in the fact that among officers serving with troops there is a universal feeling of hopelessness and discouragement. To maintain one's reputation as a company commander with the material and means now at hand is beyond the power of the most conscientious and gifted. An efficient military force can never be maintained where the whims of the individual soldier are placed above the interests of discipline, and it may well be questioned if it is desirable to have any man in the ranks who cannot before joining the colors make up his mind to give at least three years to the Service.

FORT McHENRY, MD., March 7, 1893.

REVENUE MARINE SERVICE.

March 9.—Capt. J. B. Moore to the Manhattan at New York.

March 11.—Chief Engr. J. M. Case to the Woodbury at Eastport.

Chief Engr. J. E. Jeffries to the Grant at New York.

March 13.—2d Asst. Engr. C. E. Zastrow to the Bear at San Francisco.

March 14.—1st Asst. Engr. W. Pedrick to the Rush at San Francisco.

COLONEL J. J. VAN HORN, 8th U. S. Infantry, has appointed Lieut. J. J. Haden, the regimental quartermaster in succession to Lieut. W. A. Macroer. Lieutenant Haden is the senior 1st lieutenant of the regiment, and has nearly sixteen years of excellent service. The appointment takes him from Ft. Robinson, Neb., to Ft. McKinley, Wyo.

THE Senate having promptly confirmed the nomination of Mr. McAdoo, he assumes charge of his new duties on March 18.

THE report of the Court of Inquiry in the case of Col. Ludlow, who was relieved from duty as Superintendent of the Great Lakes Light-house District, recommends that no further action in the matter be taken.

THE Navy Department has been advised that Russia will send three of her large men-of-war for a month's stay in American waters in May next. These will be independent of the three Russian vessels now en route here to participate in the Naval Review.

THE visit of Secretary Herbert to Brooklyn this week has given him an opportunity to investigate the condition of things at the Brooklyn Yard, and to make the acquaintance of the officers on duty there. He attended the banquet given to his predecessor in office at the Hamilton Club, when Mr. Tracy announced that the completion of the vessels now under construction will place us fifth in rank among naval powers, surpassing both Spain and Germany.

TO A Senator who recently called upon Secretary Lamont in behalf of a candidate for the vacant Brigadier-Generalship, which Col. Otis did not get, that official stated that no appointment will be made until the President had time to consider all the claims of the various candidates, and to finally determine upon a policy in regard to Army appointments. He thought that a decision would be delayed for a month or more, by the consideration of important civilian appointments. It may be stated with authority that the name of Col. Wilson, Engineers Corps, is being favorably considered. Col. Shafter is also prominently mentioned in connection with the vacancy.

CAPTAIN A. T. MAHAN, U. S. N., is to take part in a discussion at the May meeting of the Tile Club, New York.

Seventeen million rounds of smokeless ammunition has been sent to supply the British Army in India, and thirty-five millions of pellet powder cartridges. Measures are being taken to manufacture cordite in India.

LIEUTENANT A. W. DODD, and Ensigns Leiper and Sims successfully concluded their examination for promotion during the present week.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDERS A. ROSS and B. F. TILLEY, Lieuts. J. C. Orsrap and A. W. Dodd registered at the Navy Department this week.

COLONEL J. M. WILSON, Engineers; Maja, J. P. Keffer and J. S. Witober, Pay Department, New York; Clifton Comly, Ord. Dept.; 1st Lieut. R. H. Noble, 1st Inf.; 1st Lieut. H. L. Harris and G. N. Whistler, 1st Art.; 1st Lieut. W. W. Galbraith, 5th Art., registered at the War Department this week.

LIEUTENANT JOHN HOWARD, 19th U. S. Infantry, son of Major-Gen. O. O. Howard, will leave Fort Mackinac, Mich., as soon as practicable, to go through a course of instruction at the Infantry and Cavalry School, Fort Leavenworth, Kas.

LATE ARMY ORDERS.

Capt. J. H. Hurst, 12th Inf., having been found incapacitated for active service by retiring board, is retired from March 10.

Capt. Wm. Hoffmann, 11th Inf., having been found incapacitated, is granted sick leave until further orders.

2d Lieut. J. S. Murdock, 25th Inf., is detailed as a student officer at Fort Leavenworth Infantry and Cavalry School.

Leave extended Col. Isaac D. De Russy, 11th Inf., two months.

Leave extended Capt. Thomas Wilhelm, 8th Inf., six months.

2d Lieut. Harold P. Howard, 6th Cav., is detailed for duty on General Recruiting Service, for the Department of the Platte, at Fort Washakie, Wyo., in place of 2d Lieut. Joseph C. Beardsley, 8th Inf., relieved.

ARMY NOMINATIONS.

MARCH 16.—1st Lieut. Wright P. Edgerton, 2d Artillery, to be associate professor of mathematics, March 14, 1893, to fill an original vacancy.

Capt. Charles W. Williams, A. Q. M., to be quartermaster with the rank of major, March 4, 1893, vice McGonnigle, retired from active service.

Capt. James N. Wheelan, 2d Cavalry, to be major, March 7, 1893, vice Harris, 8th Cavalry, retired from active service.

Capt. Adam Kramer, 6th Cavalry, to be major, March 8, 1893, vice Adam, 6th Cavalry, retired from active service.

1st Lieut. Frederick W. Sibley, 2d Cavalry, to be captain, March 7, 1893.

1st Lieut. Benjamin H. Obbever, 6th Cavalry, to be captain, March 8, 1893.

2d Lieut. Harry G. Trout, 9th Cavalry, to be 1st lieutenant, March 7, 1893.

2d Lieut. Edward C. Brooks, 8th Cavalry, to be 1st lieutenant, March 8, 1893.

Major Richard Combs, 9th Inf., to be lieutenant-colonel, March 8, 1893, vice Whittemore, 12th Inf., retired from active service.

Capt. Ezra P. Ewers, 5th Inf., to be major, March 7, 1893.

1st Lieut. William H. C. Bowen, 5th Inf., to be captain, March 7, 1893.

2d Lieut. George B. Davis, 23d Inf., to be 1st lieutenant, March 7, 1893.

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"K." in a long letter to the New York Times headed "Faults in Army Control," commences by saying: "There has been a great deal of somewhat intemperate criticism of the last administration of the War Department. Its action toward Army administration was characterized by a zealous desire for improvement, but its methods were little short of revolutionary. An army is a growth of very conservative tendencies, and sudden changes are dangerous to its normal and healthy advancement. So far the criticisms seem well founded, though it is a fact that many of the changes made were advocated by those who have since become the fiercest critics of the last Army administration. The changes or reforms, which in themselves might have been excellent, have followed in too rapid succession, and have acted to demoralize to a certain extent the conservative older portion of the Army and inflate the self-importance of the younger and more progressive element."

MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND MARTIAL LAW.

THE very important subject of "Military Government and Martial Law" is exhaustively treated by William E. Birkhimer, LL.B., First Lieutenant and Adjutant, 8d U. S. Artillery, in an octavo volume recently published by James J. Chapman, Washington. The copy we have before us bears upon it the marks of the fire which recently devastated the home of the Editor of the JOURNAL and which accounts for the delay in noticing this and other books. The preparation of this treatise was prompted by the author's experiences as Acting Judge Advocate, Department of the Columbia in 1886, when he was called upon to defend the Commanding General from civil suits growing out of the proclamation of martial law by the Governor of Washington Territory.

Lieutenant Birkhimer applies the term "Military Government" to Army control of foreign territory, or to territory held to be such under the circumstances of war; the term "Martial Law" being limited to the temporary control of domestic affairs by the sword. The one is within the domain of international law; the other comes under the cognizance of municipal law. The distinction between the two has been confused in the minds of English speaking people by Wellington's dictum that "martial law is nothing more nor less than the will of the commanding general." This is true only of the control exercised over a foreign territory or over domestic territory occupied by rebels treated as belligerents. When the commanding general has an immediate or ultimate responsibility to the civil courts, this circumstance very essentially alters the case. A failure to distinguish between the two cases leads to hopeless confusion.

Having first clearly pointed out in his introduction the distinction here noted, Lieutenant Birkhimer proceeds in Part I. of his work to consider the subject of "Military Government;" following this with Part II., in which Martial Law is considered. It is this last section which is most important to officers of our Army under present condition, and the rules governing the application of martial law, as it is here defined and limited, are much less clearly understood than those determined by the broader principles of what is characterized as military government. Lieutenant Birkhimer seeks to apply the principles of law, as they are presented in the decision of our courts, to the circumstances of an officer who is called upon to support the local authorities during some temporary suspension of municipal control. His work is the result of a practical experience of the need of such a treatise and it will be found of service by our Army officers on active duty, and by officers of the National Guard, each one of whom is liable to be called upon at some time to justify before civil courts for his application of military measures to a civil community. As Lieutenant Birkhimer says: "The *posse comitatus* has signally failed. It is an old and honored institution, sanctified in the Anglo-Saxon system of jurisprudence. But events are fast accumulating which furnish ground for the belief that it is not suited to the present conditions of society." Officers are increasingly liable to be called upon to repeat recent experiences in Tennessee, in the Oeud'Alene region, at Homestead and Buffalo. They should, therefore, by all means possess themselves of the aid to a proper administration of their duties which is furnished by this timely publication, of interest and importance alike to the military officers representing National and State authority.

THE ARMY REGISTER FOR 1893.

THE table below is taken from the new Register, and reveals some interesting facts. Total number of officers on active list 2,163; retired list, 607. Several recorded as from the "Army" had only nominal service in the ranks, while several from civil life and the Military Academy had previous service as enlisted men. There are forty-eight who were at the Military Academy and failed to graduate. All but seventy-five of the retired list saw service during the war, and there are still twenty-four 1st lieutenants on the active list, with war service. Michael Moore, 2d lieutenant, retired, is the only remaining veteran of the War of 1812. Lieut.-Col. Geo. B. Dandy, Q. M. D., is the only Mexican veteran on the active list, but there are still ninety-

seven of them on the retired list. There are one hundred and eighty-four entitled to be called "General." Of these, three are Major Generals, and sixteen are Brigadier Generals on the active list, and three are Major Generals and thirty-two Brigadier Generals retired; the remainder are either general officers of volunteers, or they have brevets of some class or other of general officer. For the first time the name of a graduate of the Military Academy appears in the list of medical officers. Compared with previous years, the number from the Military Academy is steadily increasing; those from the Army are nearly holding their place, while those from civil life, or the volunteers, are rapidly diminishing, or passing from the active to the retired list. The graduates now furnish nearly one-half of our Army officers, though they are still outnumbered by the appointees from civil life and from the Army. Immediately after the war the proportion of graduates was less than thirty per cent. of the whole.

| | Military Academy | Civil Life | Army | Volunteers | With War Service | Without War Service | Leaves with War Service |
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| General Officers..... | 6 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 1 | 11 | 16 |
| A. G. Department..... | 3 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 16 |
| Ins. Gen. Department..... | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 16 |
| J. A. Department..... | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 16 |
| Q. M. Department..... | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 16 |
| Sub. Department..... | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 16 |
| Med. Department..... | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 16 |
| Pay Department..... | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 16 |
| Corps of Engineers..... | 117 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| Ord. Department..... | 49 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| Signal Corps..... | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| Record and Pension..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| Chaplain..... | 30 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 1st Cavalry..... | 30 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 2d Cavalry..... | 30 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 3d Cavalry..... | 31 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 4th Cavalry..... | 32 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 5th Cavalry..... | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 6th Cavalry..... | 34 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 7th Cavalry..... | 35 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 8th Cavalry..... | 36 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 9th Cavalry..... | 37 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 10th Cavalry..... | 38 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 1st Artillery..... | 40 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 2d Artillery..... | 41 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 3d Artillery..... | 42 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 4th Artillery..... | 43 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 5th Artillery..... | 44 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 6th Artillery..... | 45 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 7th Artillery..... | 46 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 8th Artillery..... | 47 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 9th Artillery..... | 48 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 10th Artillery..... | 49 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 1st Infantry..... | 15 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 2d Infantry..... | 16 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 3d Infantry..... | 17 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 4th Infantry..... | 18 | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 5th Infantry..... | 19 | 19 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 6th Infantry..... | 20 | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 7th Infantry..... | 21 | 21 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 8th Infantry..... | 22 | 22 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 9th Infantry..... | 23 | 23 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 10th Infantry..... | 24 | 24 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 11th Infantry..... | 25 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 12th Infantry..... | 26 | 26 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 13th Infantry..... | 27 | 27 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 14th Infantry..... | 28 | 28 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 15th Infantry..... | 29 | 29 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 16th Infantry..... | 30 | 30 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 17th Infantry..... | 31 | 31 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 18th Infantry..... | 32 | 32 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 19th Infantry..... | 33 | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 20th Infantry..... | 34 | 34 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 21st Infantry..... | 35 | 35 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 22nd Infantry..... | 36 | 36 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 23rd Infantry..... | 37 | 37 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 24th Infantry..... | 38 | 38 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 25th Infantry..... | 39 | 39 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 26th Infantry..... | 40 | 40 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 27th Infantry..... | 41 | 41 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 28th Infantry..... | 42 | 42 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 29th Infantry..... | 43 | 43 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 30th Infantry..... | 44 | 44 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 31st Infantry..... | 45 | 45 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 32nd Infantry..... | 46 | 46 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 33rd Infantry..... | 47 | 47 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 34th Infantry..... | 48 | 48 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| 35th Infantry..... | 49 | 49 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 |
| Total active list..... | 1171 | 794 | 176 | 482 | 677 | 1484 | 24 |
| Retired list..... | 146 | 388 | 73 | 390 | 532 | 75 | 88 |
| Professors, M. A..... | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Grand total..... | 1323 | 1173 | 249 | 872 | 1212 | 1543 | 107 |

So far as we can learn, the number of enlisted men of all grades, in the several Military Departments, who are applying to be examined for commissions, is not so great as was anticipated. The standard of qualifications, although not too high, is still quite high enough to require considerable mental and physical ability.

The appointment of ex-Congressman William McAdoo, of New Jersey, as Assistant Secretary of the Navy, is one of the best that could possibly have been made. His experience as a member of the House Committee on Naval Affairs peculiarly fits him for his new duties, not to speak of his qualifications as a lawyer, which are a decided advantage to one in a position of this kind. Besides, he is an intimate friend of Secretary Herbert. Harmony of action is thus assured from the beginning. With two such experienced officials at the helm the Navy is in safe hands, and we venture to say at the end of four years will have a record not equalled by that of any previous administration or by any other executive department. Mr. Cleveland has certainly given the Navy every reason to be satisfied with his administration thus far.

The first important orders affecting the personnel of the Navy, issued by the new administration

were those promulgated this week relieving Rear Admiral D. B. Harmony from the command of the Asiatic Station and detaching Rear Admiral John Irwin, at present in command of the Mare Island Navy Yard, to succeed him. The change will take effect on June 7 next, Rear Admiral Irwin leaving San Francisco about the middle of May. It is expected that Commodore George Brown will relieve Rear Admiral Irwin in command of the Mare Island Yard. The change in the command of the Asiatic Station was prompted by the application of Rear Admiral Harmony to be retired in June next, under the forty year service law. This application was something of a surprise to the Navy Department, as it was not expected that he would retire until he reached the age limit, in September, 1894. In fact it was stated in the JOURNAL some weeks ago, on the authority of Rear Admiral Harmony himself, that he did not intend to retire until he reached sixty-two years of age. Probably ill health has caused him to change his mind.

An Army officer on college duty says of our interpretation of the new Infantry Drill Regulations: "I had out out the publications in your paper from time to time and pasted them in a scrap book for convenient reference of my student cadets; but you now have them arranged much more conveniently for each individual at but a trifling more cost for a copy of the tactics."

The new regulations governing purchase of discharge from the Army (G. O. 17, of March 2, 1893) is a step in the right direction, although not quite so far as many regimental and company commanders would like to see. There appears to be a decided objection to the application of retained pay, detained pay and money saved out of the clothing allowance towards the required purchase money. The Government in providing for these detentions had in view, it is claimed, that a soldier should not, at the expiration of his term of service be thrust into civil life without a penny in his pocket. Under the present system a man wishing to get out by purchase mortgages his entire enforced savings and commences civil life anew without a penny in his pocket and a bleak prospect very often of getting adequate employment. Still, a liberal application of the doctrine "entirely in the discretion of the President" may serve to act as a foil to the "valid reasons" which a reasonable ingenuity will not fail to present. Already a correspondent asks us: "Is a desire to quit soldiering a 'valid reason' within the meaning of the new regulation?"

In further reference to the Korean Army, the correspondent whom we quoted recently writes: "Officers of and above the grade of captain are appointed from the class of nobles by the King. They are the figureheads of the organization, having no knowledge of the drill or of military science, and do not attempt to command their companies. They sometimes attend a parade, but their most arduous duty seems to consist of drawing the very fat salaries to which their commissions entitle them. The ignorance of the senior officers does not extend to the subalterns, who have risen from the ranks, and who have charge of the drills under the direction of Colonel Neustead, an American who was at one time an appointed petty officer in the U. S. Navy. He was in our consular service in Japan when his present position was offered to him and accepted. He has done wonders in the way of creating a Korean Army, and his efforts are appreciated by the King and by the soldiers. The King has decorated him repeatedly."

The New York Sun quotes an Army officer, one of a group discussing needed reforms in the Army around a bedroom table in the Grand Hotel, as saying: "I would remodel the staff of the Army and I would recreate it out of the working force by appointment for merit, and not by preferment on account of family connections, skill at wire pulling, or anything but plain merit. The artillery organization is absurd at present and wants remodeling. It is the arm that needs to be increased and then kept in practice, because a skilled artillery force cannot be recruited out of the offices and farms of our land and set at work on a mere call from a President for one hundred thousand men. An artillery school—and perhaps a school for artillery and cavalry combined—should be established out West. The draining of the best brain of the Service into the Engineer Corps should be stopped or moderated, and that corps, which has so few poor men now, should have none, for its members ought to be obliged to spend some time in practical work with the body of the Army. They would then be not merely the brainiest, but the most practical and useful men we would have."

The March number of the "Journal of the Military Service Institution" is up to the high standard attained and maintained by the able editors, Major W. L. Haskin and Lieut. J. C. Bush, of the Artillery. The first part contains the prize essay by Lieut. S. E. Stuart, Ordnance Department, U. S. A., to which we have heretofore referred; "The Evolution of Modern Drill Books," by Capt. Maude, late of the British Army; "Telegraph in War," by Lieut. J. A. Swift, 9th U. S. Cavalry; "Artillery Service in the Rebellion," continued, by Gen. J. C. Tidball; some interesting comments and criticisms on current military essays and articles. The reprints and translations include: Artillery in Coast Defence; Changes in Military Matters, The Two Years' Service in Germany, Letters on Strategy and The Field Gun of the Future. The annual report of the Institution is published in this number, and the historical sketch is of the 3d U. S. Artillery, by that able officer and present Adjutant of the regiment, Lieut. W. E. Birkhimer.

A CORRESPONDENT says: "I enclose a page from a paper published in New York, which contains articles concerning the Army and West Point. While posing as a reformer, this paper overreaches itself and casts slurs and contempt in undeserved places. Nevertheless, to the class it reaches these falsehoods carry as much weight as truth. I, as one of the slandered Army, request that you give these a proper answer. In the article on West Point it willfully tries to make its readers believe that cadets at West Point are furnished beer by the War Department, and that ought not to go unanswered." The extracts sent are from a fanatical temperance sheet called the Voice. It is a waste of time to answer them. If a man thinks that the question of conscience is wholly one of the difference between drinking beer and drinking water, it is best to leave him to his opinion. As prejudice was never reasoned into a man it can never be reasoned out of him. The public judgment upon the proprietors of the Voice was recently expressed in the result of their suit against the N. Y. Evening Post for libel. Voice says: The young man with a conscience who is ambitious to enter the United States military service must give up his ambition or his conscience. The vicious and demoralizing influences of Army life under the present immoral regime, hardly permit of his retaining both. Some hundreds of our more ambitious young men representing the best blood and brains of the nation compete annually for admission to the splendid mental and physical training furnished at public expense at the West Point Military Academy. It will interest the parents of these young men to learn that the Government, while providing this education, has not overlooked the important matter of beer. Young men entering the academy can now find the "necessary" means of debauchery without applying for a pass to go outside the reservation. The paternal solicitude of our War Department is best to be balked of its exorcism by such trifling matters as cultivating the alcohol habit in a youth or starving the unfortunate wife of a beer-drinking soldier.

The London Daily Graphic publishes what purports to be a prophecy contained in a letter written by Wm. Patterson two hundred years ago as follows:

If the maritime powers of Europe will not treat for Darien, the period will not be far distant when America will seize the pass. Their next move will be to hold the Sandwich Islands. Stationed thus in the middle, and on the East and West sides of the New World, Americans will form the most potent and singular empire that has appeared, because it will consist not in the dominion of a part of the land of the globe but in the whole dominion of the ocean.

Then England may be known only as Egypt is now. Concerning this the Army and Navy Gazette says: "If Patterson wrote this in 1693, when 'America,' as we understand it now, was a few scattered colonies of English, Spaniards, and Frenchmen, before Captain Cook was born, or the 'Sandwich Islands' discovered, truly he must have had the gift of prophecy, and therefore we can the less forgive him for supposing that command of the ocean naturally follows the possession of the land. We cannot understand why the coincidence that the judgment in the Panama case was delivered the same day that the news of the American Protectorate of the Sandwich Islands was received should be described as ominous. The construction and maintenance of an American fleet in Pacific waters are what we must regard with watchfulness."

An "Artilleryman" writes: "If President Cleveland could only get a chance to consider the stagnation of promotion in the artillery, first lieutenants who have held that grade for a quarter of a century, he would, with characteristic promptness give the vacant brigadier-generalship to an artillery colonel. As the matter stands now, there won't, unless a casualty happens, be a promotion in the higher ranks of the arm until October, 1894."

The following is a list of officers found physically disqualified by promotion boards. Capt. Godfrey 7th Cav., and Capt. Johnson, 24th Inf., were included in the list, but we are glad to learn that as there is a strong probability of their improvement they will be re-examined and promoted: Capt. H. C. Cushing, 4th Art.; J. R. Brinkley, 5th Art.; 1st Lieut. E. S. Curtis, 2d Art.; George B. Backus, 1st Cav.; H. W. Wheeler, 5th Cav.; C. B. Gatewood; E. L. Fletcher, 18th Inf.; M. B. Travers, 11th Inf., and W. A. Kimball, 14th Inf.

CHIEF commissaries of subsistence of departments are to have a little more business to attend to than heretofore in the matter of supplying stores to the Army. Recent orders on the subject indicate that Commissary-General Hawkins intends to run the Subsistence Department on a very practical and businesslike basis.

THE *Kansas City Times* says: "During the past year the Army has lost some of its best men. As a result of these Proctor methods the Service is now largely filled with what an officer terms 'a lot of wet nosed boys, full of whims and unrest, asking for a change of post, regiment, company and arm of Service on any restraint of their own notions of what they should have.' It would be well to get back to first principles. An army can not be conducted on the kindergarten plan. The sooner the philanthropists know this the better it will be for all concerned."

THE present Administration is especially fortunate in the crisis of Hawaiian affairs so suddenly brought to a focus, in having the advice and assistance of two officers of the Navy who have been in positions to form correct opinions as to the exact situation of affairs in that Pacific paradise. We refer to Rear Admiral George Brown, U. S. N., and to Capt. Gilbert C. Wiltse, U. S. N., both of whom have been so situated that their advice and assistance can be made of service to the Administration at this time. Admiral Brown is now in Washington, and Capt. Wiltse is expected to arrive from San Francisco in a few days.

THE State Department has apparently overlooked the act authorizing the presentations of the medals tendered by the Swedish Government to the officers and men of the *Baltimore*, as a compliment to this country for sending the remains of John Ericson to his native land. The medals are on board the *Baltimore*, where they have been ever since they were presented. When the act was passed authorizing their acceptance the State Department was unable to carry out its provisions because the medals were not in their possession, and it was decided to postpone action until the *Baltimore* arrived on this coast. The vessel has been here for over a fortnight, and no steps have yet been taken to place the medals in the hands of the State Department for distribution. A statue to Ericson is to be dedicated in New York at the time of the Naval Parade. It is a life-size figure in bronze, by John Scott Hartley, the sculptor, and is to be placed at the foot of Broadway on Bowling Green. This is, we believe, the first statue ever erected in the city of New York at the public expense. All others have been paid for by private subscriptions.

ACCORDING to a statement which appears in the daily papers, Capt. P. Stanley, of Silverton, Col., and a party of prospectors, while prospecting in what is known as Devil's Gulch, in the old Spanish Copper Canon, Mexico, last week, found the skeletons of a company of soldiers that had been missing from Fort Marcy since the Apache raid on Espanola, Sept. 9, 1879. It was supposed they had been massacred by the Indians, as not one of the forty-three ever returned, but it seems they all must have drunk from the poisonous Verdigris Spring, where their skeletons have lain for the last thirteen years. Forty-three skeletons, some of them still incased in uniform; three piles of guns, stacked as they had left them; a lot of ammunition, and the skeletons of forty-five horses were found. This is a very interesting story, but as a matter of fact the records of the War Department fail to show any casualties of the character herein described. Co. H, 15th Infantry, was stationed at Fort Marcy in September, 1879. The captain of the company, John W. Bean, is now on the retired list. The 1st lieutenant, Cyrus M. De Lany, died Feb. 27, 1888, and the 2d lieutenant, S. S. Pague, is now 1st lieutenant of the company.

ONE of our very oldest and most substantial military goods furnishing houses—Shannon, Miller and Crane—announce their removal this month to No. 768 Broadway, near Ninth street. This establishment was founded in 1830 by Henry Young and Co. Changes were made in the firm—Smith, Crane and Co., in 1860; W. W. Crane and Co., in 1863; Shannon and Miller (W. W. Crane, special), in 1866, until in 1867 it became Shannon, Miller and Crane, and has remained so ever since. The firm enjoy an enviable reputation among their customers and all who deal with them find it a pleasure to do so. Their removal from Maiden Lane, where they have been located for over a quarter of a century, will make a noticeable change in the famous old business locality. The new location selected by Messrs. Shannon, Miller and Crane is an improvement for their business interests at the present time, and their continued prosperity is assured. Their name and reputation are pleasantly associated in the minds of officers with the days before, during and since the war.

Public Service says: "A \$1,000 clerk was discharged from the Pension Office last week for telling a Congressman the story that a man was drawing a pension from the Government for a bald head."

THERE seems to be a strong desire throughout the Army that the name "Post Exchange" should be changed back to "Post Canteen," as the former does not signify the character of the institution.

ARTILLERY practice on the Atlantic Coast will soon be in order, the artillery commanders at the principal forts being now engaged in formulating their schedules of battery competitions, etc. Gunners are more plentiful than they used to be.

It is understood that Secretary Lamont is contemplating some extensive changes in the method of appointing civilian employees at arsenals and depots. His plans are not yet matured, but it is intimated that there is to be a considerable shaking up of dry bones.

THE new regulations governing discharge by purchase (G. O. 17, of 1893) went into effect on Wednesday of this week. What bearing the "valid reasons" which now have to be given will have upon the number of those who desire to terminate their service on a cash basis remains to be seen.

THE question of completing the exchange between the 3d and 4th Regiments of Artillery is again under consideration, and the commanding general hopes to get a decision from the new Secretary of War on the subject at an early date. Few if any other extensive changes are expected during the coming spring.

THE *Kansas City Times* joins in the hue and cry by saying: "The best thing the War Department can do is to disband the Indian organizations and direct that the skeleton troops and companies be reorganized and placed on the same footing as like organizations in their respective regiments. If it is not desirable to discharge these Indians now but give them a still further trial, it is suggested that all the Indian organizations be concentrated and organized into two battalions—one to be stationed at Fort Barrancas, Fla., and the other at some small post in the Department of Columbia."

A SOLDIER of the 3d U. S. Cavalry at Ft. Ringgold writes to the U. S. Army "Visitor" that he has been a pretty hard case, but has now reformed. Says he: "I have just begun another course and I mean to stop. I hope, if not before, when I am released, there will be someone to conduct religious services. I hope I shall soon see a chaplain. I know officers and men will be very glad when one makes his appearance. Then I suppose there will be less drunkenness. I think if there was no Post Exchange, the guard house would be empty; but I never intend to get in here again, God helping me."

THE bill providing for the repeal of Sec. 16 of the Act of 1870, which forbids officers of the Army of making use of their brevet rank failed of its passage, but it will no doubt be brought up in the next Congress. It was amended in the Senate to include the volunteer brevets, conferred under appointment or commission from the President or from a Governor of a State, giving them "the same force and effect in respect of any volunteer officers now in the service of the United States as though conferred in the Regular Army service." Gen. J. B. Fry who has made a careful study of the subject of brevets, and published a volume on the subject, argues against this amendment as overlooking the distinction which, in his judgment, should be made between brevets conferred upon officers belonging to our permanent establishment and those who belonged to military organizations that have passed out of existence. Gen. Fry says: "It may be maintained in debate that persons cannot properly be legislated into office, lineal or brevet, and that if either lineal or brevet offices of the defunct volunteer establishment are to be revived, it must be done by the law making power, and if, afterwards, they are to be filled that must be done by the appointing power. It may be maintained also that no officer who was in both the regular establishment and volunteer establishment, and who was brevetted in the latter, and no officer who belonged to the latter Service only, and who was brevetted therein and subsequently appointed to the regular establishment, could carry into it an officer, lineal or brevet, which he had held in the volunteer establishment." There is fair ground for difference of opinion upon this subject, and Gen. Fry is quite at liberty to hold, and is fully able to maintain his own opinion in the matter. The discussion, if it is to continue hereafter, should be kept as free as possible from personal suggestions and criticisms, for these are not arguments.

PREPARATIONS are already being made in many parts of the country for the proper observance of the next anniversary of the birthday of General U. S. Grant, April 27.

ONE of the questions requiring early attention by the Secretary of War and Commanding General is the selection of troops for the World's Fair. It has been found necessary to abandon the idea of having a joint camp representing all three arms of the Service. There will be no artillery or cavalry troops on the fair grounds. The model encampment which will form a feature of the War Department exhibit, will comprise eight companies of infantry—the companies from different regiments principally in the Department of the Missouri. Major Randal will have direct command of the camp. The idea of a large concentration of militia forces at the Exposition has long since been abandoned.

THE *United Service Gazette* calls attention to the fact that it is a subject of remark that India is more and more taking the lead as the real school of the British Army. In India was started the organization, drill, and training of the British cavalry now being adopted at home, and it is not much doubted that the musketry system of the Indian Native Army will shortly be taken up in the British Army, certainly in India, and that it will probably eventually be extended to the home service. The *Times of India*, asserts that the native soldier uses his rifle with greater skill and precision, and consequently effect, than his British confrere.

COLONEL D. S. GORDON, 6th Cavalry, is quoted as being in opposition to the plan to send United States troops to Chicago. He suggests that the soldiers should not be drawn away from the Western posts where settlers would be left exposed to large bodies of Indians. The red men are not slow to perceive an advantage in case they intend to create trouble. It would be at a time of year when the Indians, for instance, in South Dakota, could create a great deal of trouble if they made up their minds to act mean.

THE creation of an associate Professorship of Mathematics at the Military Academy has been followed by the President's nomination of Lieut. Wright P. Edgerton, 21st Art., assistant professor in the Department of Mathematics, for the new position. Lieut. Edgerton, is a native of Ohio, and was graduated from the Military Academy, July 1, 1870. On March 23, 1881, he was promoted to 1st lieutenant, and Aug. 28, 1882, he was ordered to duty at the Military Academy, remaining there until Aug. 29, 1887. January 28, 1889, Lieut. Edgerton entered upon his second tour of duty as Assistant Professor of Mathematics. The familiarity which almost nine years of service in the department have given this officer renders him especially fitted for the position of associate professor, while locally the appointment finds universal favor.

THE following is the provision in the legislative act authorizing the appointment of a commission to investigate the executive departments. Naval officers will desire to read it in view of the statement made on the floor of the House by Mr. Holman, that the commission appointed under the act would be called upon to perform the same duties that was proposed to be entrusted to the special committee contemplated by the Herbert resolution, for inquiry into the personnel of the Navy. The provision quoted doubtless gives the commission ample authority to consider the personnel of the Navy, but the extensive scope of their work precludes the possibility of their being able to give this branch of the Service the attention it deserves. It is to be regretted that the joint commission proposed by Mr. Herbert was not authorized.

That a joint commission, consisting of three Senators, members of the 53d Congress to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and three members elect to the House of Representatives of the 53d Congress, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the 53d Congress, shall, during the 53d Congress, inquire into and examine the status of the laws organizing the executive departments, bureaus, divisions, and other Government establishments at the National Capital; the rules, regulations and methods for the conduct of the same; the time and attention devoted to the operations thereof by the persons employed therein, and the degree of efficiency of such employees; whether any modification of these laws be made to secure greater efficiency and economy; whether a reduction in the number or compensation of the persons authorized to be employed in said executive departments or bureaus can be made without injury to the public service; *Provided*, That the commission herein authorized shall have no jurisdiction to inquire into and report on pension legislation. Said commission is authorized to employ not exceeding three experts, who shall render assistance as the commission may require in the prosecution of the investigation herein required, and shall receive compensation as the commission shall determine to be fair and reasonable. The heads of the respective executive departments shall detail from time to time such officers or employees as may be requested by said commission in the investigations. Said commission or any sub-committee thereof shall have power to send for persons and papers, to administer oaths, and such process shall be issued as such oaths administered by the chairman of the commission or sub-committee, and the commission shall report, by bill or otherwise, to their respective houses of the 53d Congress. All necessary expenses of said commission shall be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated upon vouchers approved jointly by the chairman of the commission.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. B. C. asks whether the *Kearsarge* will take part in the Naval Review. **Ans.**—Yes.

T. O. D.—Inquiry has failed to discover a suitable person for the position you mention.

Sergeant.—Privates are not required to salute non-commissioned officers, but should always behave towards them with military courtesy.

O. S.—Lieut. Jas. A. Ryan, 10th U. S. Cavalry, is at present stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

M. M. asks if the military authorities at Washington intend to rid the Service of married men. **Ans.**—No.

S. M.—A retired soldier is entitled to all the privileges of the Soldiers' Home, Washington, D. C., free of charge.

M. W. R. asks: Can a soldier with two years and four months' service purchase his discharge after March 15, 1893? **Ans.**—Yes.

Reader asks: Kindly state in your next issue the whereabouts of Major Thomas J. Eckerson, who was formerly Q. M. at Fort Adams, R. I. **Ans.**—575 Couch street, Portland, Ore.

P. O. S.—Write to the Chief Signal Officer of the Army, Washington, D. C., for copy of circular giving full information as to present conditions of enlistment in the Signal Corps.

W. S.—The new law as to retirements has already gone into effect. Keep a lookout in the *JOURNAL* for the regulations under the law which, it is expected, will shortly be published.

S. C. asks what it is necessary for a landsman to do to become employed in any capacity on one of Uncle Sam's ships. **Ans.**—Apply for enlistment as landsman at the receiving-ship at the Brooklyn Navy-yard.

J. W.—Enlisted men on duty at the World's Fair, in Chicago, are provided with fuel in kind, and the usual commutation of quarters and rations in such cases—\$1.50 per day for rations and \$12 per month for quarters.

J. Y.—G. O. 66, A. G. O., of Sept. 21, 1886, provided for clothing and a donation of five dollars in money for each prisoner released from confinement under sentence executed at military posts after discharge from the military service.

Numerous Inquiries.—So soon as the War Department regulation on the subject are ready we will answer the several questions sent us as to the effect of the new law as to enlistments, upon musicians, wagoners, artificers, etc.

S. asks: What is the amount of bond of an Army paymaster. Does the Government take guarantee companies bond, or are individual bondsmen required? **Ans.**—The bond is \$20,000; individual bondsmen to justify in double the amount. Guarantee companies bond are accepted.

A. A. E.—When will the next vacancy of a cadetship at Annapolis occur for the 24 Congressional District of Nebraska? **Ans.**—In 1893. We mail you a circular giving directions for obtaining an appointment, to whom to apply and the requirements.

Correspondent asks when vacancies will occur for West Point and Annapolis in the 14th New York District. **Ans.**—14th N. Y. to West Point will be entitled to cadet appointment for admission next year. The same district for Annapolis is now vacant.

F.—Adjt.-Gen. Williams retires Nov. 5, 1893: Col. McKeever, Aug. 31, 1893; Lieut.-Col. Sheridan, May 24, 1904; Major Ward, March 13, 1903; Major Schwan, July 9, 1904; Major McArthur, June 2, 1903, and Major Gilmore, April 18, 1901.

A. J. C.—While unnaturalized aliens are not subject to enlistment as part of the National militia, there is no bar to their joining local military organizations, in which case they are subject to all lawful orders issued to such organizations. Service of this nature does not confer the right to vote.

Anxious.—If you are a non-commissioned officer when your present term expires, you can re-enlist in your present company, always provided your company commander is agreeable. To enlist in some other company and regiment at another post would require special authority from the Adjutant-General's Office.

E. M. O. asks if the 23d Regt., of Brooklyn, N. Y., went to the war during the Rebellion? **Ans.**—The regiment was organized in 1863. In June, 1863, it was mustered into the U. S. Service for 30 days at Harrisburg, Pa. It participated in the engagement at Overton Point, Pa., June 28, 1863, and at Carlisle, Pa., July 1, 1863.

C. R. S. asks: Is there any way in which a young man—19 years and 6 months of age—can secure admission at the Naval Academy of Annapolis? If not, is there any method of securing an ensign's commission otherwise? **Ans.**—The age limit for admission to the Naval Academy is between 15 and 20 years. None but graduates of the Naval Academy are eligible for commissions as officers.

T. G. asks: Is it proper to wear a service (no shooting) medal on the overcoat, if ordered out to parade in overcoat? **Ans.**—We do not know what medal you refer to as the Service medal. Is it the Medal of Honor? The badges permitted to be worn under the Act of Sept. 23, 1890, on certain occasions, can only be worn with the full dress uniform. Consult G. O. 133, A. G. O., of 1890.

L. H. W.—You seem to be entitled to the privileges of the Soldier's Home. The question of outdoor relief, as it is called, is one which is decided by the Commissioners of the Home according to the circumstances of the case. A preliminary residence in the Home is not necessary. A man entitled to enter the Soldier's Home need not necessarily enter the Home to gain the outdoor relief. If the Commissioners so decide, it may be granted without entering the Home at all.

D.—Retirements for age in the Subsistence Department, U. S. Army, during President Cleveland's Administration will be as follows: Brig.-Gen. J. P. Hawkins, C. G. S., Sept. 23, 1894; Major J. H. Gilman, U. S. N., Nov. 11, 1895; Lieut.-Col. Thomas Wilson, A. C. G. S., June 10, 1896; Lieut.-Col. J. W. Barriger, A. C. G. S., July 9, 1896; Col. M. R. Morgan, A. C. G. S., Jan. 18, 1897. Retirements in the Q. M. D. will be: Lieut. Col. G. R. Dandy, Q. M. G., Feb. 11, 1894; Major E. R. Kirk, Q. M. G., 1894; Col. C. H. Tompkins, A. Q. M. G., Sept. 12, 1894; Col. J. G. Chandler, A. Q. M. G., Dec. 31, 1894; Col. H. C. Hodges, A. Q. M. G., Jan. 14, 1895; Col. J. D. Bingham, A. Q. M. G., May 16, 1895; Brig.-Gen. N. B. Batchelder, Q. M. G., July 27, 1895, and Lt.-Col. W. B. Hughes, D. Q. M. G., Oct. 13, 1896.

Edgar asks: 1. Will any appointments be made to the U. S. Military Academy this year from Michigan? **Ans.**—No.

2. Are there any districts in the U. S. from which no appointments have been made for one year or more; if so, where? **Ans.**—Yes; but districts cannot be published.

3. Are all of the Territories entitled to one appointment? **Ans.**—Yes.

4. Will there be any civilians appointed as commissioned officers in the Army this year? **Ans.**—Probably not.

5. Are there any vacancies in the grade of assistant paymaster, U. S. Navy? Will any appointments be made to that grade this year? **Ans.**—There is one vacancy in the grade of assistant paymaster of the Navy, which will be filled as soon as the question of Pay Insp. Stevenson's promotion is settled.

A NAVAL OFFICER'S EXPENSES.

The *New York Herald* says, what every one familiar with our Navy knows to be true, namely, that "officers of the United States Navy are called upon to pay very heavy expenses out of very small salaries. Whether at home or abroad they are expected, or rather, under the unwritten law, compelled, to entertain out of all proportion to the amount they receive from the Government. They must entertain as elaborately as do the officers on European ships, who receive special allowances for the purpose. If a commanding officer failed to entertain liberally in all probability he would be relieved of his command and replaced by some officer who would dispense hospitality with an open hand. To the credit of the officers be it said they generally respond to the demands, and there is no less entertaining aboard American men-of-war than aboard ships of governments that supply special funds. It is very hard on those who have to pay the piper, however. Officers must accept invitations they receive as their country's representatives while they are in foreign ports. They are obliged to return such entertainments, and they often do so at great personal sacrifice."

A long account of a naval officer's heavy expenses for clothing and other necessities follows, and we are truthfully told: "Officers' wives and daughters, consequently, have to exert every imaginable economy to appear as well as they do. Some have private incomes, but these are the 'favored few.' It is often said that young officers should not marry unless they marry money, but to their honor be it said they marry for love almost to a man if they take wives at all. The warm heart of a sailor is proverbial, and officers are sailors as well. The many happy marriages in the Navy attest the fact that they make good husbands in spite of their small incomes. The life of an officer's wife is one of many privations, for which, however, there are, happily, many compensations, especially if she has the courage to follow her husband from port to port, and by so doing break the long separations which are the heaviest of all burdens. In this, the lesser of two evils, there are many trials and disappointments, as well as privations and possible hardships."

We are glad to see the *Herald* calling attention to the necessity which undoubtedly exists for providing naval officers with table money.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

FORT MACKINAC, MICH.

MARCH 12, 1893.

The month of March has had an average of about 30 deg. (Fahr.) above zero. The winds have been northwesterly and not strong. The men are in good health, almost no sickness at the post. Deputy Paymaster, Gen. G. W. Candee paid here March 9. Ice boating is at its height and very exhilarating.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

FORT ROBINSON, NEB.

MARCH 3, 1893.

ONE of the most brilliant social events of the season was the German given by Capt. and Mrs. Loud, of the 10th Cavalry, to Mrs. Dimmick, of Fort Du Chene, Utah, Miss Hickok, of St. Louis, and Miss Waring, of Fort Omaha. The hop room was artistically draped with the national colors and hung with lanterns, while over the doors were the letters "D. W. H." interwoven in gold and blue. The hall presented a brilliant scene as the lights shown on the fair women in bright gowns and on gallant cavaliers. The figures were unque and graceful, being for the most part original with Lieut. Hutcheson, who led the German. The favors were exceptionally pretty, consisting of flowers, ribbons, bells, butterflies and other pretty trinkets. To each guest was given a ribbon banner on which in gold was "German, Fort Robinson, Nebraska, March 3, 1893," and the letters "D. W. H." in monogram. Capt. and Mrs. Loud, Miss Dimmick, Miss Hickok and Miss Waring, the receiving party, formed a pretty picture as they stood greeting the guests.

After the German every one enjoyed the elegant supper served at the home of Capt. and Mrs. Loud. The dance was one long to be remembered by all. Those taking part were Mrs. Loud with Lieut. Gardner, Miss Dimmick with Lieut. Corday, Miss Hickok with Major Halsey, Miss Waring with Mr. Paddock, Mrs. Guilfoyle with Mr. Armstrong, Mrs. Buck with Lieut. Jackson, Miss Bernard with Lieut. Fuller, Mrs. Evans with Lieut. Hickok, Mrs. Steadman with Capt. Day, Mrs. Trout with Lieut. Trout, Mrs. Hubert with Lieut. Hubert, Mrs. Gardner with Lieut. Lindsay, Mrs. Garrard with Lieut. Hutcheson.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

NAVAL ACADEMY.

ANNAPOILIS, MD., March 15, 1893.

THE scheduled outdoor drills began last week. Lieut. Fulam has charge of the infantry battalion, and never before at this time of the year has the battalion been in such an excellent condition. Lieut. Fulam is a thorough tactician and a part author of the new "Instructions for Infantry and Artillery, U. S. Navy."

Lovers of good music were given a great treat on Wednesday afternoon at the concert tendered to Miss Kidwell, of Washington. Among those who took part were Miss Kidwell, Miss Krause, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Lieut. Smith and Mrs. McFarland.

Mr. H. Standley Ronton gave an interesting lecture on the Hawaiian Islands on Saturday evening in the Naval Institute Hall.

The running track has been put in excellent condition and is now ready for use. The track is about 450 yards long, elliptical in shape, and encloses the officers' tennis courts. There are a large number of cadets in training for the spring races, and it is expected that many of the previous records made here will be broken.

Mrs. Lieut. Sawyer gave a tea Saturday evening. Among those present were Miss Milligan, Miss Cutts, Miss Stewart, Miss Buehler, Cletes Chadwick, Powelson, Grosby, Denbert, Douvay, Gies and Olmstead.

Cadet L. J. Magill was granted leave on Saturday to visit friends in Washington.

Captain Watson, of the *San Francisco*, has been spending a few days at the Academy visiting his son, Cadet Watson, of the 21st Class.

Miss Perkins, of Connecticut, is visiting Professor and Mrs. Terry.

Miss Buehler, of Baltimore, is visiting the Misses Milligan.

Lieut. F. Von Schrader, U. S. A., is the guest of Lieut. and Mrs. Hodgson.

Mr. George P. Wager, of Ohio, and Mr. John A. Crocker, of Pennsylvania, have been spending a few days in Annapolis visiting friends and former classmates.

ORDNANCE NOTES.

The American inventors who were disturbed last snap judgment should be taken against them in the case of the Krupp-Jensen gun, do not seem anxious to avail themselves of the opportunity afforded to them by the reconvening of the Board on Magazine Gun. None of them put in an appearance at the meeting of the Board in Springfield, March 11, and they adjourned until March 30, which is the last day for entries.

A new nickel steel, the secret of the manufacture of which has, it is said, been secured by Herr Krupp, of Essen, has been experimented with at Meppen. Two 34 in. shells, each containing 6 oz. of picric acid, were placed, one in a gun of ordinary Krupp steel, and the other in a gun of the new nickel steel, at a distance of 12 in. from the muzzle. Upon the shells being exploded, the muzzle of the gun of ordinary steel was blown into a number of pieces, but the only effect produced upon the nickel steel gun was a local enlargement of the bore to the extent of 1/4 in. In the next experiment a 3.7 in. shell, containing 6.3 oz. of picric acid, was burst in a nickel steel gun at a point 19.5 in. from the bottom of the bore. The results were an enlargement to the extent of 1-3 in. and a fissure 3 in. in length. Trials of plates of this nickel steel have also been made and have given satisfaction.

Worthington and Co. publish another volume of their International Library Series, entitled "The Cipher Despatch," by Robert Byr, translated by Elise L. Lathrop. The photo-gravures which illustrate the volume also illustrate the incapacity of the artist.

THE STATE TROOP.

Seventh New York.—Colonel Appleton.

THE regiment will be reviewed by Brig.-Gen. Fitzgerald at the armory on Friday evening, March 31, and crosses of honor will be presented the same evening. The second and final competition of the team of five match was shot at the armory on the evening of March 11, and resulted as follows:

| | 200 Yds. | 500 Yds. | Total. | Dec. 3, 92. | Ans. |
|--------------------|----------|----------|--------|-------------|------|
| Co. A..... | 161 | 170 | 331 | 315 | 646 |
| Co. H..... | 155 | 169 | 324 | 318 | 642 |
| Co. K..... | 162 | 167 | 315 | 314 | 629 |
| Co. F..... | 148 | 167 | 315 | 310 | 625 |
| Co. D..... | 148 | 160 | 308 | 316 | 624 |
| Co. C..... | 149 | 163 | 312 | 311 | 623 |
| Co. G..... | 132 | 166 | 298 | 304 | 602 |
| Co. E..... | 150 | 161 | 311 | 305 | 616 |
| Co. I..... | 156 | 151 | 307 | 308 | 615 |
| Co. B..... | 149 | 157 | 306 | 302 | 608 |
| F., S., and N.C.S. | 143 | 149 | 292 | 289 | 581 |

Medals were won by Lieut. F. Van Lennep, K.; Pts. J. B. Brown and H. E. Crail, G.; J. Milneham, E., and M. P. O'Connor, A.

The four figures are now armory records.

The Revolver Committee have decided to adopt the new Army 38 calibre Colt's revolver.

Thirteenth New York.—Col. D. Austen.

COL. AUSTEN has made application to General Headquarters for permission to take his command on a tour of five days' field service on Long Island next June. Previous to leaving on the contemplated tour each battalion commander will be instructed to have a reconnaissance, survey made of the route between Brooklyn and Creedmoor range, for his battalion to take, and on this route a suitable place to bivouac for the night must be designated. Each battalion is to take a different route; night and day signalling is to be practiced. The battalions are to be provided with a baggage train and field supplies and submit themselves, and be issued rations in kind, doing their own cooking. The range at Creedmoor would be utilized for instruction in shooting and drilling, guard and kindred duties, and in the five days' time, which it is intended shall be the limit of the tour, a very valuable course of instruction would result. The plan of Col. Austen is one deserving of serious consideration, and the only expense to the State would be the cost of rations, which would be comparatively small. It is hoped permission will be granted.

22d New York.—Colonel John T. Camp.

THE Regimental Athletic Club will hold games at the armory on Thursday evening, April 13, and the following interesting programme has been prepared: 60 yd. dash, 440 yd. run, 500 yd. run, 1 mile run, bayonet race, high jump, 220 yd. hurdle, 800 yd. novice, 3 mile bicycle, putting 16 lb. shot, and obstacle race. Gilmore's band will disperse the music. There is great rivalry between the different companies, among the members of which are a number of the most famous amateur athletes. It would seem that some decided measures are necessary to settle the discontent which has existed among the members of Co. A for several years. The men who are intelligent and self-respecting have endeavored to settle these differences in a quiet way, but it seems the desired end has not been reached, and fully two-thirds of the company make a complaint, charging unjust treatment against their captain. The result will, no doubt, be a thorough investigation. Unless this is done matters may be still further complicated. The majority of the company are understood to desire the removal of their captain.

Twenty-third N. Y.—Col. J. N. Partridge.

THE parade and review of the 645 marksmen of the regiment, held at the regimental armory on the evening of March 11, was a most excellent showing in every respect. The formation was in three battalions commanded, respectively, by Major De Forest, Capt. Candee and Capt. Holmes. Col. Partridge was in command of the regiment. The first ceremony, parade, was handsomely executed. The Oliver aggregate medal was presented to Sergt. Geo. F. Musson, of K, for the highest score at Creedmoor during 1892. Lieut. F. A. Wells, of Co. B, received the gold medal for the highest possible score at 500 and 600 yards, after which came the distribution of marksmen's medals and then some 200 medals for the 100 per cent. of duty were given out.

Capt. H. C. Brown, regimental inspector of rifle practice, prepared a very comprehensive table on the rifle shooting of the regiment, and from it we learn that the regimental figure of merit was as follows: Attendance, 61.60; score, 74.05; general, 48.33. The figure of merit of the companies is as follows:

| | Attendance. | Score. | General. |
|----------------|-------------|--------|----------|
| Company A..... | 78.75 | 33.57 | 55.64 |
| Company B..... | 70.00 | 32.46 | 51.43 |
| Company C..... | 57.33 | 40.23 | 49.28 |
| Company D..... | 70.96 | 37.95 | 54.46 |
| Company E..... | 35.44 | 34.54 | 35.01 |
| Company F..... | 71.42 | 35.11 | 53.67 |
| Company G..... | 55.33 | 39.60 | 47.47 |
| Company H..... | 58.73 | 35.40 | 47.07 |
| Company I..... | 55.60 | 29.54 | 42.63 |
| Company K..... | 65.41 | 32.64 | 49.04 |

The company figure of merit is based upon the percentage of attendance, under orders on the company's regular

practice day, added to the percentage of hits in the volley firing, divided by two. Co. A, Capt. Everdell, figure of merit is 55-64, being the highest in the 3d Brigade. They were the winners of the brigade prize and received same. Major Kara De Forest, Capt. W. L. Candee and Ord. Sergt. C. E. Bryant have qualified as marksmen for 12 successive years. Gen. McLeer, in a neat speech, paid the regiment a high compliment for its excellent marksmanship. In the review by Gen. McLeer the regiment made a fine showing, and a band concert and dancing concluded a very enjoyable evening's entertainment.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

FOURTH REGIMENT OF INFANTRY, M. N. G.

BALTIMORE, March 14, 1893.

Will you kindly allow me the opportunity to correct an erroneous statement, made in the JOURNAL of last week? Your representative, in his criticism of the 4th Regiment, Infantry, M. N. G., on the occasion of the inaugural parade is so far in error in his comments that it would seem he had not seen the regiment on that occasion. He says the companies were equalized "in first battalion in fourteen files front, other two battalions twelve files front." The fact is that the 4th Regiment marched in close column of companies twenty files front, and the distances between the companies were preserved remarkably well, during the entire march. The Fourth is the most thoroughly drilled regiment in the State, and Colonel Willard Howard is conceded by all to be the best posted and most efficient tactician in the brigade. The assertion that he, or any officer in the regiment would "qualify the companies fourteen files front is absurd, and is as unkind as the assertion that out of nine companies several marched out of step. The whole comment is a mistake, which I am sure your sense of justice and fairness will gladly correct. The commanding officer, since the inauguration, has received most complimentary expressions of praise from a number of officers of the Army, who were especially noticing the Maryland troops just before they reached the reviewing stand. They voluntarily extended their commendation on the excellent marching of the regiment as it passed them. The officers and men of the Fourth ask no favors from anyone, but they do ask for fair play. Very respectfully,
J. B. PHIPPS, Lieut.-Colonel 4th Inf., M. N. G.

MASSACHUSETTS.

COLONEL MATTHEWS, 1st Infantry, congratulates the regiment on its excellent record the past drill season and says: "It will be noted that the standing of companies, as given below, is based upon their actual average attendance rather than upon percentage of attendance computed with reference to their enrolled strength, because, in the opinion of the colonel commanding, proper credit should be given to those company commanders who have endeavored to maintain their commands at the maximum of strength and efficiency. "The accompanying table of attendance at drills in 1892 contains the statistics of the work performed in following out the prescribed routine of weekly drills, and no mention is made in it of the annual encampment and field-day, or of the large amount of time devoted to rifle practice.

| Company. | No. of Drills. | Av. attendance. | Tot. attendance. | Av. p. c. attendance. | Av. attendance. |
|-----------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| E. | 45 | 60.75 | 2,734 | 86.10 | 52.31 |
| M. | 51 | 60.83 | 2,648 | 86.71 | 51.88 |
| K. | 45 | 59.00 | 2,168 | 81.64 | 48.17 |
| D. | 44 | 59.41 | 2,105 | 80.55 | 47.84 |
| C. | 45 | 58.41 | 2,116 | 80.49 | 47.02 |
| I. | 43 | 59.91 | 2,008 | 77.93 | 46.69 |
| F. | 45 | 57.86 | 2,008 | 77.11 | 44.62 |
| G. | 48 | 59.25 | 2,110 | 74.19 | 43.55 |
| H. | 49 | 54.75 | 2,152 | 80.20 | 43.91 |
| B. | 41 | 58.25 | 1,787 | 74.81 | 43.58 |
| L. | 49 | 58.75 | 2,110 | 73.29 | 43.06 |
| A. | 50 | 57.78 | 2,090 | 70.28 | 40.60 |
| Totals. | 555 | | 25,594 | | |
| Averages. | 46.4 | 58.65 | 2,132.83 | 78.61 | 46.11 |

"The time devoted to drill averaged approximately 69 hours per company, which—measured by the amount of time (two hours) daily devoted to drill by troops stationed at post of the Regular Army—is equal to 34½ days of duty; and, if the six days of ordered field work be included, it will be observed that, so far as concerns the matter of drill, the regiment received an amount of instruction equivalent to what would have been obtained in a period of 40 days' service."

The colonel also expresses his appreciation for the prompt and willing response to the sudden call on the evening of March 10, 1893, at the short time in which the companies

assembled, at the excellent percentage of strength reporting for duty, and the methodical and quiet way in which orders were carried out.

NAVAL BATTALIONS.

Pennsylvania.—Adjt.-Gen. Greenland announces the following officers of the Naval Battalion as being commissioned with rank from Jan. 6, 1893: Lieut. Commanding R. K. Wright, Jr., 2d Lieut. George Stout and George Breed, Ensigns John B. Marie and Louis E. Marie, all members of Co. A.

New York.—During the review in New York Harbor in April the 1st Battalion will do police and patrol duty. The Naval Battalion, of Boston, who intend to be present at the ceremonies, will, probably, be entertained by their New York brethren.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

CONNECTICUT.

The famous Graham case is at an end, in a manner most satisfactory to lovers of military morals. After two sessions of wrangling, the Senate has finally refused to re-instate the brigadier general, who was removed by Gov. Bulkeley without a hearing, and because of his having forwarded resignations of polo-offended officers of the 1st without endorsement. The officers who were in the conspiracy were dishonorably discharged, but Gov. Bulkeley last December changed the original order and granted honorable discharges. Thus, after Gen. Graham had failed to get the Senate to subvert law and discipline, ex-Gov. Bulkeley asked Gov. Morris to have an order issued of the same date as the original minus the words "for the benefit of the service." The request was complied with. It now remains for the Senate to confirm the nomination of Gen. Haven. Be it said that the whole matter has been conducted without partisanship.

If the appropriation granted by the Legislature this year is not great enough to cover expense for new uniforms, the C. N. G. will receive a terrible setback. A large part of the clothing now being sent out from Hartford is of a kind which no self-respecting citizen would wear. The age limit of the present uniform is considerably exceeded. There are recruits of two months' standing who have no uniform whatever, and the general effect on recruiting is bad. If the State proposes to have a National Guard, it should sup-

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A movement is on foot in the Legislature to have the Hibernian Rifles come under State jurisdiction and receive State aid as independent companies.

A bill before the Legislature provides for the organization of a troop of the Governor's Horse Guard at Bridgeport.

Three or four business men in one of the leading cities have attested their faith in the National Guard by subscribing about \$300 for a local organization.

Capt. Bowen, U. S. A., is delivering his lecture on discipline throughout the State and receiving congratulations on his appointment to the captaincy.

The new military code, as drafted by Gen. Bradley's committee, is to be passed upon by a special committee, consisting of all the colonels and Adj. Dickinson, of the 2d. It should become a law at the earliest possible date.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

OHIO.

COMPANY G, 2d Infantry, O. N. G., Kenton, O., elected by a unanimous vote Adj. P. A. Campbell their captain, vice Capt. Kuert, promoted colonel.

The 2d Regiment loses a good man as its adjutant, but Co. G can congratulate itself on the choice for commander, as his many years in the Guard fit him for the position, having entered the Orchard Lake Military School in 1879, serving three years, enlisted Co. K, 7th Regt. Inf., 1882, transferred with company and letter changed to G June 6, 1883; appointed corporal July 10, 1883; promoted to sergeant Aug. 2, 1884; adjutant March 3, 1887. His election gives entire satisfaction to the company and pleases our citizens, as he is very popular with them.

Ever since Co. D, 2d Ohio Inf., Van Wert, moved into their new home, its members have wanted to drill every night. The new armory inspired new life into each man, but it is not hard to work up an interest in such fine young men as compose Co. D, with such a worker as Capt. Ream, and the husters, Lieuts. Williams and Smith.

This company is anxious to have Capt. Heistand, of the Army, (stationed at Columbus, Ohio), with them a few days, as are most companies of the 2d Infantry (for instruction), and the captain knows how to put the polish on them, so that an inspection would serve to show up the ideal soldier. The writer is satisfied that Capt. Heistand will be well cared for when sojourning with companies in the 2d.

COMING EVENTS.

We have received notification of the following:

March 20.—Review of 9th N. Y.

March 22.—Review of 3d Battery, at armory.

March 22.—Review of 12th N. Y., at armory.

March 23.—Review and reception, 3d Battery, N. Y.

March 23.—Review of 71st N. Y., at armory.

March 30.—Review of 7th N. Y., at armory.

April 1.—Athletic games, 23d N. Y., at armory.

April 3.—Review of 47th N. Y., and reception of Veterans Corps.

April 3.—Review of 23d N. Y., at armory.

April 6.—Review of 12th N. Y., at armory.

April 7.—Entertainment of Co. B, 9th N. Y., at Lexington Avenue Opera House.

April 10.—Athletic games, 12th N. Y.

April 12, 13, 14.—Production of "Dust," at Berkeley Lyceum, by Co. H, 7th N. Y.

April 15.—Athletic games, 2nd N. Y.

April 24.—Review of 13th N. Y., at armory.

VARIOUS.

Capt. J. B. Christoffel, 47th N. Y., who has resigned, will be appointed armorer of the regiment.

The annual inspections of organizations of the New York Guard will begin in April. The inspections will not be completed until the fall.

Adj. Gen. T. S. Peck, of Vermont, announces the detail of Capt. Herbert E. Tuthery, 1st U. S. Cav., for temporary duty pertaining to the National Guard of the State.

Col. Boykin, of the 5th Maryland, has resigned in consequence of Gen. Brown's action in the inaugural parade. Adj. Gen. H. Kyd Douglas will endeavor to adjust the differences and persuade Col. Boykin to withdraw his resignation.

Commissions have been issued during the month of February in the Pennsylvania National Guard to Brig. Gen. W. W. Greenland, Adjutant-General, and Col. O. E. McClellan, Q. M. General.

By some error a statement has appeared that Co. C, 60th N. Y., Capt. McCarthy, was rated by the Inspector-General as being in poor condition, which is an error, as Co. C is one of the companies of the regiment in a satisfactory state. It was Co. B and F that are rated as poor.

Major F. L. Kimball, Inspector of Rifle Practice, of New Hampshire, announces the practice season on range for the year 1893 will open April 1 and close Nov. 30, and all practice for record must be on or between the above dates.

Lieut. W. H. Stillman, 6th Sep. Co., of Troy, has been elected captain, vice Cusack, resigned. Capt. Lloyd, 21st Sep. Co., presided. There were two candidates, ex-Lieut. Stillman and Lieut. Tillinghast. There were 90 votes cast. Stillman received 58 and Tillinghast 32.

Ex-Capt. W. J. Fife, 1st Regt., of Tacoma, Wash., appeared in the character of Brutus in the Fall of Tarquin, enacted in Tacoma on Feb. 28, in which the ex-captain displayed great dramatic ability, his portrayal of the character was impressive, strong and unaffected.

Battalion drills in the 47th N. Y. will be held as follows: Co. I, H. B. and F, March 20, in command of Lieut.-Col. W. H. Hubbell; Co. D, G. A. and K, March 24, in command of Col. J. G. Eddy. Lieut. A. F. Engelhardt will act as adjutant on March 20 and Lieut. H. E. McCutcheon on March 24. There will be a review of the regiment on April 3.

Lieut. George B. Davis, U. S. Army, who has been assigned to duty in the Adjutant-General's Office in connection with the Maryland militia, visited Washington during the inauguration parade. He expresses great satisfaction with the excellent marching and soldierly bearing of the 5th Maryland Infantry, which he considers in a high state of efficiency.

Among the recently organized cadet corps in the New York Guard is the Cadet Corps attached to the Signal and Telegraph Corps of the 1st Brigade. This Cadet Corps was organized by the late Capt. Gallun a short time previous to his death. The corps drills every Friday evening at 132 W. 56th street, in charge of Cadet Capt. Wm. Grady. Any young man wishing to join should apply to Recruiting Officer Asher Mayer at the headquarters any Friday evening.

Adj. Gen. F. H. Cameron, of North Carolina, announces that the 1st, 3d and 4th Regiments are designated as composing the 1st Brigade, and Brig. Gen. John W. Cotton is assigned to the command of the same. Para. 233 and 418 of the State Guard Regulations are amended to read as follows: 233. The staff of a brigadier general commanding a brigade shall consist of one assistant adjutant-general, one assistant inspector-general, one brigade surgeon, one brigade quartermaster, one brigade commissary, each with the rank of major, and two aides-de-camp, with the rank of lieutenant. 418. All requisitions for clothing, ordnance and ordnance stores shall be made upon forms prescribed in the regulations, unless impracticable.

Adj. Gen. A. D. Ayling, of New Hampshire, announces the following staff of his Excellency John B. Smith, Governor and Commander-in-Chief: Maj. Gen. Augustus D. Ayling, of Concord, Adj. General; Brig. Gen. Jerry P. Wellman, of Keene, Insp. General; Brig. Gen. Wm. P. Sawyer, of Dover, Q. M. General; Brig. Gen. Stephen H. Gale, of Exeter, Comy. General; Brig. Gen. George Cook, of Concord, Surg. General; Brig. Gen. Robt. M. Wallace, of Milford, J. A. General; Col. Charles H. Dunlap, of Nashua; Frederick C. Dow, of Manchester; Benjamin F. Drake, of Lakeport; and Walter S. Scruton, of Hillsborough Bridge, aides-de-camp.

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sued the following: The Old Guard of the City of New York acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many evidences of friendship and sympathy which followed so promptly upon the announcement of the serious loss that had befallen the battalion in the death on Monday, Feb. 15, of its beloved commander, Major George Washington McLean, who for a period exceeding a quarter of a century had so faithfully guided its military and social destinies. In the great bereavement that has come to us our fellow soldiers by their considerate remembrance have lessened the keenness of our sorrow, and taught us that our loss was to be regarded as public and general rather than as personal, and that our major had many appreciative friends outside of his own military household. To these and to our kindred military organizations the battalion wishes to extend its thanks with grateful appreciation of the kindly sympathy which came to it in its days of sorrow from all sides, a sympathy which alone can supply the silver lining to our cloud of grief.

Mayor Boody, of Brooklyn, will review the 13th N. Y. at the armory Wednesday, March 22.

The first competition for the 12th N. Y. Rifle Association trophy was shot for at the armory range on March 15, and after a close struggle was won by Co. E. Capt. Roosevelt, on a score of 672 points, their nearest competitor, Co. B. Capt. Burns, scoring 671 points. The scores of the other teams were: C, 667; D, 597; A, 547; K, 386.

At the open amateur athletic games of the 12th N. Y., to be held at the armory, 623 st. and Columbus ave., N. Y. City, April 16, there will be a half-mile go-as-you-please, handicap, heavy marching order, viz., knapsack, with overcoat rolled thereon, belt and equipments, bayonet in scabbard, carrying rifle. Open to all members of the National Guard (amateurs). Among the other interesting features of the games will be an exhibition of character and fancy riding by the world-renowned cyclist, Mr. W. S. Maltby.

The Armory Board of New York City on March 15 decided to accept the plans of Architect Thomas for a new armory for Troop A, Capt. C. F. Roe. The building will be erected on the plot of ground in the rear of the 8th Regiment armory, and will face on Madison Avenue between 94th and 95th Sts. The structure will be of brick, with light stone trimmings, and the cost is not to exceed \$140,000. Three-quarters of the basement is to be a stable and the rest a saddling room. The stable is to be fitted up at the expense of the members of the troops, and the estimated cost is \$30,000. The ground floor will be entirely taken up with the ring and platforms for visitors at the corners of the enclosure. On the floor above will be rooms for officers, lockers for the men, a storeroom, kitchen and a large meeting room.

The annual election of the Old Guard, held on March 15, resulted as follows: Major, Thomas E. Sloan; Co. A—Captain, William Henry White; 1st Lieutenant, George H. Wyatt; 2d Lieutenant, Robert P. Lyon; Co. B—Captain, James F. Wenman; 1st Lieutenant, George Chappell; 2d Lieutenant, John J. Glason; Corporate Officers—Captain Henry L. Faria, Treasurer, and Lieut. Edward P. Moore, Secretary. There were two candidates for Major, the opponent of Maj. Sloan being Surrogate Rastus S. Hanson. In all 115 votes were cast, Maj. Sloan receiving 67. The new Major, who succeeds the late George W. McLean, was born in Boston in 1842. He enlisted in the First Massachusetts Regiment April 19, 1861, and was mustered into service May 25 of the same year as a private. He was rapidly promoted until during the Pennsylvania campaign he was a Captain on the staff of Gen. Joseph Hooker. Later Maj. Sloan was brevetted Major and served on the staff of Gen. Horatio Wright and Gen. Joseph Hamblen. He joined the Old Guard in 1885, was soon placed on the staff of the late Maj. McLean, and in 1888 was chosen Senior Captain of the battalion. Some time ago Maj. Sloan was commissioned as Colonel on Gov. Flower's staff.

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Col. Carpenter, 5th Cav., offers \$5 for the recovery of a large gold ring which was lost at the post during the week. Capt. C. A. Woodruff, commanding Light Bat. F. 3d Art., has been a captain 24 years. If the captain has good luck he will be promoted to major on Oct. 25, 1898.

Capt. E. B. Fuller, 7th Cav., spent Wednesday surveying the site for the monument which will stand as a memento of the bravery of the men who lost their lives in protecting the homes of Nebraska's settlers at the battle of Wounded Knee. The monument will occupy a commanding position north of the cavalry administration building.

Chaplain Lowell is doing very well at Fort Riley, and is doing good work among the enlisted men of the post. At every service there is a good congregation and the men have no fault to find with the chaplain.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

WEST POINT.

MARCH 15, 1898.

SHORTLY after noon to-day the boat *Homer Ramadell* made her way up the river with little difficulty, apparently. The heavy rain of last week has caused a rapid disappearance of the snow. A channel has been cut between West Point and Garrison's and the crossing of the river in rowboats has been possible since Sunday afternoon.

Last week a meeting was held for the election of hop managers during the coming summer. The cadets have been enjoining daily rides on the road during the present week. All of these events are welcomed as signs that the long winter is rapidly drawing to a close and that the spring is almost here.

On Friday afternoon, March 10, the widow of Professor Dennis Mahan was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the cemetery here. Capt. A. T. Mahan, of the Navy, stationed at Newport; Capt. F. A. Mahan, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., stationed at Washington; Mrs. Dennis Mahan and Miss Mahan were the relatives present at the Committal services, at which the Rev. Mr. O. A. Gutzbrook, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, officiated. Lieut. Dennis Mahan, of the Navy, is absent in Japan.

Lieut. Charles Braden returned from Saginaw, Michigan, last week.

In accordance with orders issued early in the present month Capt. Dorby is relieved from duty as Instructor of Practical Military Engineering, and will be succeeded by Capt. James L. Lusk, Engineers. It had been expected that Capt. Dorby would remain on leave until April 1 and that he would not be relieved from duty until June. The change takes effect at once. Capt. Dorby will leave the post about Thursday of the present week. Capt. and Mrs. Dorby returned to the post last week after an absence of about two months.

Prof. Tillman will read a paper before the West Point branch of the Military Service Institution at the rooms of the Officers' Mess on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The subject will be "Experiences and Observations in the Great West."

Lieut.-Col. Hawkins, 23d Inf., who was ordered to Washington as one of a Board of Officers last week, which order was subsequently revoked, was the guest of Col. Wilson during a brief stay here. Cadet Hawkins, son of Col. Hawkins, is a member of the present 2d Class and occupies the position of color sergeant in the battalion. Col. Hawkins' present station is Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

Col. Biddle Porter, Lieut. E. W. Van C. Lucas, and relatives of Cadets Smith, F. G., and Honey have been among recent visitors.

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DIED.

CUNNINGHAM.—Died suddenly, at Eagle Pass, Tex., March 9, CHARLES N. W. CUNNINGHAM, formerly Captain, 24th U. S. Infantry.

HAGNER.—At Washington, D. C., March 11, Bvt. Brigadier-General PETER VALENTINE HAGNER, Colonel, U. S. Army, retired.

HARDING.—At Franklin, O., March 1, LIZZIE F. SCHENCK HARDING, aged 32, beloved wife of Mr. John Harding, and sister of Lieutenant Alexander D. Bois Schenck, 3d U. S. Artillery.

NELSON.—At Concord, N. H., March 10, Medical Inspector HENRY CLAY NELSON, U. S. Navy, retired.

WHEELER.—At Boston, Mass., March 4, Mrs. WM. LAMONT WHEELER, widow of Assistant Surgeon W. L. Wheeler, U. S. Navy.

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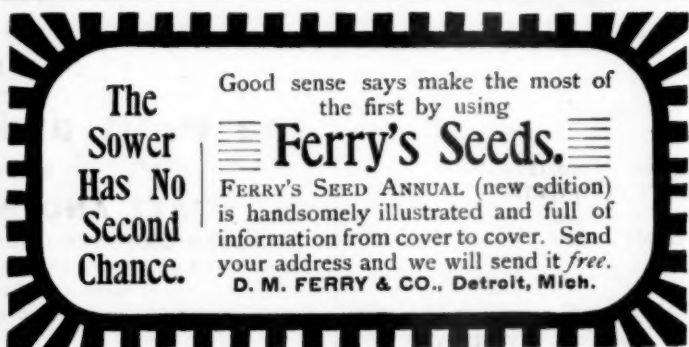
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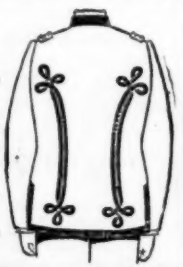


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